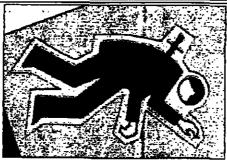
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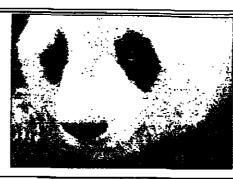
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Domestic violence is not a male prerogative, says Neil Lyndon

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VICTORY FOR A REAL ZOO

Only more vulgar attractions will bring in the crowds

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No 10 hints at further reduction

German rate cut raises few market hopes

By Nicholas Wood, Tom Walker and George Sivell

FOREIGN exchange markets reacted with disappointment yesterday to the Bundesbank's decision to reduce its key lending rate by 0.25 per cent, but the government held out the distant prospect of lower British interest

Officials in Brussels and leaders around Europe praised the cut, less than a week before the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty, as an example of cooperation in the European Community. German officials voiced confidence that it would stimulate support for a

Opponents of the treaty denounced the cut as too little. too late and said that it was designed primarily to boost the French "yes" vote, rather than to help to revive ailing economies. Politicians and the markets had been led to expect a more substantial cut.

Editor told

'to lie'

Mirror was ordered to lie

by the late Robert Maxwell,

its publisher, to protect

Nick Davies, the paper's

then foreign editor, who

An industrial tribunal

was told that when Richard

Statt refused the order from

Maxwell he was threatened

with dismissal..... Page 5

Rugby charge

Gary Rees, the England rugby player, broke the jaw of a teacher during a

friendly match, it was alle-

ged at Kingston Crown Court. Rees, 32. denies

inflicting grievous bodily

More people in Britain live

alone than ever before and the number is forecast to be nearly eight million by the

end of the century... Page 7 Policy stand

The Liberal Democrat MP

David Alton will not stand

again for the party, in protest at a decision to

make abortion a policy

issue rather than a matter

of conscience Page 8

The Prince of Wales will

present awards today to

community groups who

have improved their sur-

roundings. The scheme is

sponsored by The Times,

the Royal institute of British Architects and Business

Royal award

Lonely life

was later sacked.

when the intention to change rates was announced on Sunday night in conjuction with the devaluation of the lira. The Lombard emergencyfunding rate was cut by only 4 point to 9.5 per cent. However, the Bundesbank said that the interest rates normally paid by banks in their money market operations would be reduced by 0.5 per cent to 8.2 per cent from

tomorrow onwards. Foreign exchange reaction to the German cuts was mildly favourable, with the pound climbing away from its floor against the mark and the dollar recovering against the mark and the pound. But the pound immediately hit its floor against the newly devalued Italian lira and foreign exchange dealers said that the Bank of England had to intervene.

The Italian devaluation and German interest rate cuts were a response to weekend talks after European central banks spent DM24 billion on keeping the lira in line

Downing Street sought to extract the maximum political capital from the Bundesbank's decision to reduce its lending rate. "It has probably brought forward the time when British rates car move," a spokesman said. Treasury officials made clear that any cut in rates would depend on a strengthening of sterling in the exchange-rate

Although Tory backbenchers were initially disappointed at the minimal nature of the Bundesbank move, there was satisfaction in Whitehall that the markets had given a generally favourable response, with sterling closing more than two pfennigs higher and the stock market jump-

ing more than 50 points. Giving a hint of likely movements in interest rates Norman Lamont, the Chan-cellor, said: "The significant thing is that the direction is now clearly downwards after speculation over the summer

or at least not be reduced until the spring."

John Smith, the Labour leader, called for an early cut

to follow the German lead. But building societies cautioned strongly against expectations of an early mortgage rate cut. In a surprisingly forthright ssessment of the German

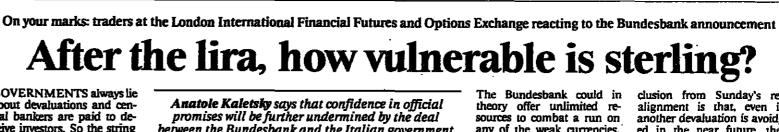
move, Downing Street sources said that the cut in the Lombard rate strengthened the chances of a corresponding domestic shift which would ease the burden on mortgage-holders and businesses. Officials are normally reluctant to speculate on future interest rate movements, but this convention was put to one side is Whitehall launched a concerted effort to sell the German move as a vindication of European monetary co-operation.

Pointing to weekend headlines predicting a base rate rise this week in advance of the French referendum, a senior Treasury source said that the "world had been turned on its head" by the Bundesbank's move.

Downing Street rejected suggestions that the 0.25 per cent cut was insignificant, Continued on page 16, col 2

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between the Bundesbank and the Italian government, with wide consequences for sterling and the ERM

stons from the events.

First, a sterling devaluation is now much more likely than it was 48 hours ago. The foreign exchange markets have proved themselves much stronger than politicians, even when governments have been co-operating in a carefully structured system.

relations between the German central bank and the The ERM was designed to avoid precisely the events that governments that run the European exchange-rate occurred last week. When mechanism would become smoother than ever before. realignments used to occur in the ERM, the timing was supposed to be chosen by That, at least, was how some of the oddly gullible policians, not forced by the cynics in the City argued yesmarkets. But Sunday's materday morning. But finannoeuvre was a clear case of financial necessity. A world-wide run on the lira had cial markets are usually more intelligent than the people drained the \$60 billion of who work in them. In their international reserves once mysterious collective wisdom.

bust.

If the markets could drain Italy's reserves, they could do just the same to Britain's. At around \$40 billion, these are actually smaller, especially in relation to the amount of trading in sterling, than were Italy's.

Even if Mr Major were willing to put his prime min-istership at stake to defend sterling's ERM exchange rate, he could no more guarantee the Bank of England against a run on sterling than King Canute could command the tides. Until Sunday night this was not entirely clear. The ERM was supposed to offer its member nations the omnipotence Canute knew he did not possess. ERM members were supposed to enjoy a

theory offer unlimited resources to combat a run on any of the weak currencies, simply by flooding the market with marks.

In Italy's case, however, the

ERM's promises of unlimited support proved to be hollow and the Bundesbank's price for maintaining its cooperation was the devaluation announced on Sunday night. There is no reason to suppose that the Bundesbank would treat Mr Major's promises not to devalue as any more sacrosanct.

The second important con-

alignment is that, even if another devaluation is avoided in the near future, the present ERM rates are no longer fixed in stone. Until Sunday night, the ERM had managed to defend its mem ber currencies against realignments for five years. Investors and politicians became accustomed to the assumption that currencies would remain unchanged for the indefinite future.

But if the French vote "no" in their referendum on Maastricht, the entire mechanism Continued on page 16, col 5

that rates might be going up

Bomb enquiry scientists divided

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

SCIENTISTS reviewing the forensic evidence in the Annie Maguire bomb factory case are divided over the likelihood that the defendants' hands could have been innocently contaminated by nitroglycerine.

The divisions were disclosed yesterday when the scientists' report was published with the reconvening of the enquiry by Sir John May, the former appeal court en and Guildford Four cases. The scientists were commissioned by Sir John after controversy over how tests for nitroglycerine on the seven

proved positive.
At the trial in 1976, scientists claimed that nitroglycerine had been found on the hands of six men and on the gloves of Mrs Maguire. It was claimed that traces of the explosive under fingernails could only have been caused by the defendants kneading

explosive. Two years ago during hearings by Sir John this suggestion was repudiated by the independent adviser to the enquiry. The contamination could have come from something like a towel used by someone in the Maguire home in north London and the Crown had also failed to show that the chemical which proved positive in tests was nitro-glycerine. The Court of Appeal

GOVERNMENTS always lie

about devaluations and cen-tral bankers are paid to de-

ceive investors. So the string of promises broken by the

Italian government and com-

mitments abandoned by the

two days, should hardly have

Italy's devaluation would

have no bearing on the credi-

bility of John Major's prom-

ises never to devalue sterling.

The Bundesbank's humiliat

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cy would be quickly forgotten:

they are likely to draw a num-

Bundesbank over the

been surprising.

Vance shocked by snub

By Our Foreign Staff

CYRUS Vance, the United Nations peace envoy, expressed shock yesterday at the refusal of President Izetbegovic of Bosnia to take part in talks in Geneva on Friday.

held by the Bank of Italy to a

paltry \$10 billion or so, leav-

Fred Eckhard, the UN spokesman, said the Bosnian leader had given Mr Vance a "solemn personal commit-ment" to attend and he was still expected to do so or send representatives. Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the Bosnian Serbs, also threatened that he would not attend.

Fighting flared in Sarajevo yesterday, and a French of-ficer with UN forces there said heavy firing came from seven of the 11 positions where Serbian weapons were concentrated for UN monitoring. Colonel Armel Davout was not certain who had fired first, but suggested that the Serbs might have fired in response to Bosnian infantry

Sarajevo boycott, page 9

Serb siege of the city.

VACHERON CONSTANTIN guarantee of mutual support. attacks aimed at breaking the

Continued on page 16. col 1 Coffee, tea and sympathy with Mr Mellor

BY TIM JONES

THE daughter of an executive member of the Palestine Liberation Organis-ation said in the High Court yesterday that David Mellor, the heritage minister, used to visit her in one of her London homes to chat over tea and

coffee. Mona Bauwens, 31, is suing for libel over an article in The People which disclosed details of a holiday that Mr Mellor and his wife and children spent with her in a villa she rented in Marbella during the Gulf conflict. She claims the article cast her as a "social

outcast and leper". The court heard that Mr Mellor's airline tickets for the holiday at the villa had been paid for by Mrs Bauwens. Afterwards Mr Mellor was telephoned by Mark Thomas, a People reporter, who had doorstepped the villa. In a transcript of a telephone conver-

sation with the reporter, Mr Mellor said he was "not the least bit embarrassed" about his holiday arrangements and advised the reporter "as an old soldier" to be careful about any adverse comments he might write but said if he was determined he should "publish and be

Mrs Bauwens said she first met Mr Mellor at a Medical Aid for Palestine charity dinner in 1988 and met his wife about a week later.

George Carman, QC, for the defence, asked whether it was correct that she saw Mr Mellor alone more frequently than she saw him with his wife. She answered: "I wouldn't say that was necessarily right."

Mr Carmane"Is it right Mr Mellor visited you on a social basis in the daytime without his wife?"

Mrs Bauwens: "Oh yes, he would drop around at Chesterfield House and

Mr Carman asked whether she had visited a flat provided for Mr Mellor by the government in Kings Yard, Mayfair. He dropped the question after he was asked by Mr Justice Drake what its relevance was, but said it went to the development of the friendship between Mr Mellor and Mrs Bauwens.

The article described Mrs Bauwens' father, Jaweed Al Ghussein, as the PLO's "paymaster" and asked Marga-ret Thatcher, then the prime minister. "just what would make your minister blush with shame". Mrs Bauwens said: "This article says very clearly that, because I am my father's daughter, no decent person, including a government minister, should be with me."

The People, its former editor Richard Stott, Mr Thomas and Mirror Group Newspapers deny libel. The trial

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Mellor: airline tickets "were bought for him"

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Why homebuyer must wait for lenders to act

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

YESTERDAY'S cut in German interest rates is unlikely to bring any immediate

relief to homebuyers. Lenders are waiting for a reduction in British bank base rates before they will consider a cut in mortgage rates and the bank rate cut will have to be more than the German 0.25 percentage point reduction.

Abbey National, the second largest mortgage lend-er, said: "Today's German rate cut was less than was

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being trailed. We are watching but not waiting." The bank was not expecting any imminent base rate cut.

Bank base rate is at 10 per cent and standard mortgage rates are around 10.65 per cent. Special offers on large loans and to first time

The Building Societies Association said the the Bundesbank cut was "a signal in the right direction". It was not expecting a reduction in mortgage rates until base rates come down and even then a small cut in

tion. Building societies have been in strong competition with National Savings all cannot afford to make their

savings rates uncompetitive. The Halifax Building Society, the largest mortgage lender, said yesterday that it was waiting to see if there would be any change in bank base rates and for the outcome of the French refer-

Lenders have almost give en up on the housing market for 1992. There was barely a perceptible improvement in sales during the spring and summer. A cut in October would be too late to affect the market before next

Lenders were reluctant to talk in detail about when the next mortgage rate move might be and whether it would be down or up, for agreed that it was too early to say whether the German move would lead to a mort-

gage rate cut. When Britain entered the European exchange rate mechanism, mortgage rates were 15.4 per cent. Stan-

Market-makers take heat out of trading

By Michael Clark

IN THE electronic depths of was the market-makers sitting at their banks of screens who had the unenviable task of controlling the violent fluctuations in share prices when dealings resumed after the Italian devaluation and subsequent softening of German interest rates.

The deal struck between the European finance minis-ters at the weekend took

IN THE CITY

makers little time to prepare for the expected rush by investors the next morning. The difficulty was that the Bundeshank was known to be preparing to cut its rates

but by an unknown amount. Market-makers are the market wholesalers who buy and sell stocks in companies. They dictate events on the stock market from day to day. Talking to other

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market-makers and brokers by telephone, they display the price at which they are prepared to buy and sell a particular security via their computer screens.

Since the general election last April, the stock market has been in steady decline with the economy slipping deeper into recession. The first move of market-makers at 8am yesterday was to mark prices sharply bigher in order to deter the expect-ed avalanche of buying from investors cheered by hopes of a softening of interest rates. The absence of buying orders showed that the marworked.

Violent price fluctuations can be financial suicide for market-makers if they are caught wrong-footed in a trading situation. By the close of business last night, most of the big firms were hailing yesterday's actions as a success. No one had made or lost or fortune. All of them would be back in business this morning.

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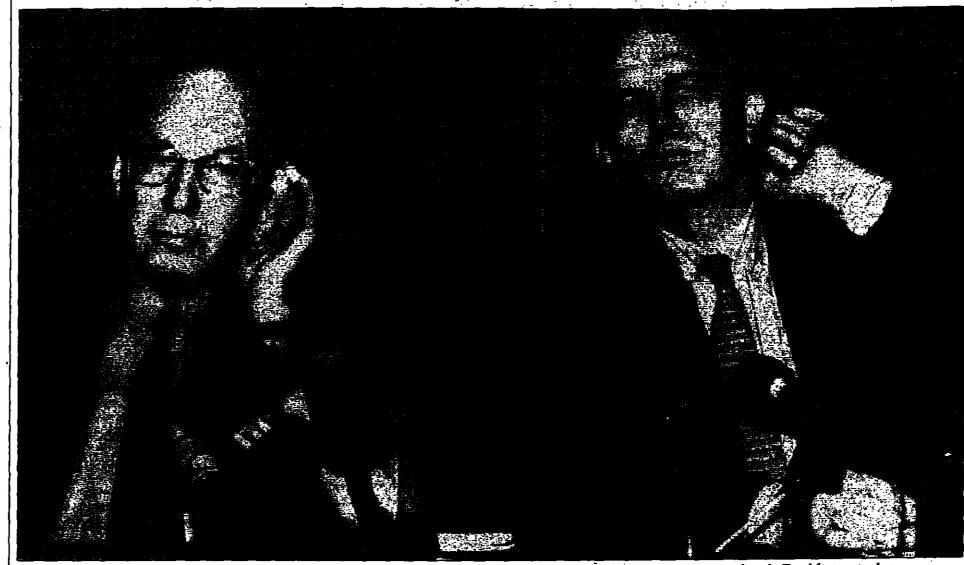
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Behind armed guards, in a concrete HQ, they threw a lifeline to the lira



The listening Bundesbank: Helmut Schlesinger, left, the bank president, and Hans Tietmeyer, his deputy, answer questions in Frankfurt yesterday

At 9.30 yesterday morning, anxious politicians and frightened investors around the world were waiting for the words of one man.

Helmut Schlesinger, the quiet professorial president of the Bundesbank, had promised to reveal the true nature of the deal he had hatched in secrecy over the weekend with the governments of the 12 EC countries. At 9.50 the world was still waiting. Twenty minutes is a long time when at stake are hundreds of billions of pounds and the fates of

While Herr Schlesinger remained locked in the Bundesselling his deal to the 17 other fiercely independent Bundesbank directors, his spokesman could reveal only one thing to the waiting reporters. All rumours to the effect that Herr Schlesinger had re-

signed were totally false.
The moment was one of many elements of black comedy since the meeting little more than a a week ago in rain-sodden Brocket Hall in Hertfordshire, when the European Community's foreign ministers had solemnly agreed that a "No" vote in next Sunday's Maastricht referendum in France would be

an "earthquake".

As the ministers flew back to their capitals, officials of the Community's secretive Monetary Committee were already putting the finishing touches to an announcement designed to prevent a different quake that had already started to rumble. On Friday, the Bank of Italy and the Bundesbank had spent many billions of marks in a fruitless attempt to stop the lira touching its ERM "floor" as investors and multinational companies dumped

their lire. Herr Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president, had had enough — and the Bank of Italy agreed. Something had to be done to stop the run on the lire, even if it meant swallowing the solemn prom-

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REALIGNMENT

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Lira which is devalued by 3.5%. Lira effectively devalued by 7%

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George Brock and Wolfgang. Munchau tell

how six weeks of secrecy ended with a truculent Bundesbank forced into a decision to shave the base rate

ises not to devalue. The unleashed a burst of political and financial optimism designed to give the "Yes" campaign in France a muchneeded boost. By breakfasttime yesterday, financial wildly at the prospect of a substantial rate cut and impressed by the politicians' apparent mastery of Germa-

ny's truculent central bankers. When the rate figures skidded across the dealing rooms screens, the audience was disappointed. The Lombard, similar to Britain's base rate. was cut by only a quarter or a percentage point. The dis-count rate fell by only half a

The initial agreement to act had been reached on Sunday, during telephone conversation between Herr Schlesinger and the members of his central council. Judging by later events, the plan was not approved unanimously. The rate cut seems to indicate a subtle shift in the balance of power in the central council away from the hardliners and towards the moderates.

The eventual agreement to cut the Lombard rate by only a quarter of a point indicates strongly how hard was the bargaining that preceded Herr Schlesinger's final belated appearance.

Why had the hardliners lost? The week's trading had shown beyond any doubt that central banks could not take

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much more. On Tuesday, Finland decoupled the markka from the rest of Europe devaluing for the second time in a year. The next day, Sweden put up short term interest rates to 75 per cent, desperate not to follow the Finnish devaluation. Money was pouring into Germany. The Bundesbank could take no more without risking its role as the fiercest inflationfighter in the world.

The roots of the crisis go back to the early summer. The ground beneath the politicians' feet had been shaken on June 2, when 50,000 Danish voters swung their national referendum against the Maastricht treaty. President Mitterrand of France was so sure that the Danish result was an aberration that he promptly astonished his ministers in Paris by calling a referendum designed to split his conservative opposition and to put the treaty on monetary and polit-

ical union back on track. The effects of his mistake have been felt in every dealing room in Europe for the past month. The French socialist government's campaign for the treaty has been trivial. confused and late into the field. Just after lunch on Tuesday 25 August, when most of Europe was still on the beach, the traders in the Paris bourse heard word that the next day's papers would carry the first poll showing a narrow majority for the anti-Maastricht campaign.

The poll turned up the heat on a currency system that was already struggling to retain its credibility in the face of a brutal recession. Seeing for the first time a real chance that European monetary union might once again be postponed, traders began selling the ERM's weakest members the lira and sterling, and buying reliable marks.

The Bank of Italy compounded the trouble by an expensively ambitious attempt to intervene and hold the lira to within I per cent of its

September 8: Helsinki Finland devalues Markka for

Bundesbank cuts Lombard lending rate by quarter of a point to 9.5%. The central

discount rate is cut by half point to 8.25

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Business as usual: Norman Lamont arriving at the Treasury yesterday

central rate against the mark. The chance of a realignment hovers over any strain in the ERM and Italy's representatives on the EC's Monetary Committee took soundings several weeks also on the possibility of adjusting rates. They received the regular refusal from Paris. For four years, the French government has been the sternest defender of the ERM's rigorous discipline. Paris insists that the system be preserved as a stable

training ground for currencies

en route for total merger. But the Maastricht treaty's timetable for a single currency had been laid down by politi-cians and not by bankers. EC governments. France foremost among them, saw economic and monetary union as the best restraint available for a newly reunified Germany. The signing of the treaty loaded heavy assumptions about eventual switch to a single currency onto a fragile system for stabilising ex-change rates. The events of the last ten days have discovered the limits of the system. A "No" in France may test the

ERM to destruction. The pound was under pres sure alongside the lira, defended by a combination of assertions by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that there would be neither domestic devaluation nor ERM realignment. By the time that EC finance ministers gathered for an informal weekend in Bath nine days ago, many of them were facing rising tides of criticism at home over high interest rates and unemployment. Commentators and harassed ministers laid the blame at the door of the German central bank. The gnomes of Zurich, favourite scapegoats of cartoonists and politicians in the 1960s, have

been replaced by the Bundesbank backwoodsmen. The Bundesbank operates from purpose-built concrete headquarters in a drab northern suburb of Frankfurt, which is surrounded by armed guards. Inside the main room, the 17 men meet every other. Thursday in a ritual that decides the fate of Germany's. and of late also of Europe's. economies. Once appointed to what is normally a seven-year term, the council members can no longer be dismissed, a measures designed to guarantee independence.

Almost absolute power over interest rates has given this council its almost legendary mystique. No two economists ever agree totally on economic policy, and this is also true of the Bundesbank's council members. It appears to be the case that the regional representatives tend to be the most The most notorious of the hawks is Lothar Müller, head of the state central bank in Bayarja. At a private speech he gave in Italy recently, he gave a vigorous and uncompromising defence of Germany's tough interest rate policy, arguing fiercely and somewhat undiplomatically that Germany was not going to rescue those who do not help themselves. The Italian hosts were not amused, but in the end Herr Müller was wrong.

By yesterday morning, it was clear that the Bundesbank had to be dragged kicking and screaming into cutting its rate. Herr Schlesinger himself said that the decision was "dictated hy foreign circumstances"

What really matters is that the German Bundesbank will become a more co-operative player in European economics. The German central bank will remain Europe's most important central bank, but it will no longer play the role of the bogeyman, the role of the unassailable, all-powerful institution that loves to be despised by the others. While it would be an exaggeration to claim that the events prove that the Rundesbank can be easily pushed around, it is true nevertheless that when under intense pressure from its political masters in Bonn, the Bundesbank caves in.

ine man wiin perna highest stake of all in the success of the French referendum is Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission and author of the timetable for monetary union. One of his advisers explained the symbolism of the realignment on Sunday night. "The campaign in France shows that what voters don't like is chaos in the currency markets. and the Community being. able to do nothing about it. This is the Community acting. together — acting incredibly together."

Next Sunday, the voters of France will issue their verdict, on the management of Europe's monies.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1992

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Paris hails Frankfurt for acting in the spirit of Maastricht



Bérégovoy: reassured the French markets

FRENCH pro-Maastricht leaders and the Paris financial markets yesterday greeted the drop in German interest rates as a potential life-saver in next Sunday's referendum as a prison strike and criminal charges against a senior Socialist further dented the tarnished image of the Mitter-

rand administration. They we put the interests of Europe ahead of their own interests. The spirit of Maastricht has prevailed over purely national interests," Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, said of Germany after prices on the depressed Paris stock market had jumped by 3.5 per cent in reaction to the Bundesbank's move Michel Sapin, the finance minister, said: "A yes in Maastricht means the chance that we can drop our own interest rates." M Bérégovoy's relief was echoed from Maastricht cam-

accelerated towards its climax with an outbreak of political infighting. The prime minister also reassured the markets that President Mitterrand was fast recovering from his pros-tate operation last Friday and was effectively running the country from his hospital bed. The Bundesbank's cut in

the Lombard rate may only have been a quarter of a per cent, but as a gesture it could not have been more powerful. given that Germany has been brandished by the "no" campaigners as a bullying bogeyman who will walk over a weak France if Maastricht is

sigence had badly hampered the effors of the "yes" campaign to portray a future Europe of sweet harmony. Milking the political profits to a maximum. M Bérégovoy said French interest rates would not be touched until after the referendum and, of course, if the vote is no, the financial crisis will probably obliterate any benefit

FRANCE

The pro-Maastricht lobby is wooing voters with hints that French rates might

also drop if they vote 'yes' on Sunday, Charles Bremner writes from Paris

The good news from Frankfurt, reported by Le Monde under the headline: "Bundesbank Votes Maastricht", diverted some heat from the two big embarrassments for the Mitterrand administration. With electoral opinion report-

ed to be highly volatile and almost evenly split, the fate of Europe could hang on such domestic vagaries. Officers in almost all the country's prisons vowed to continue a threeday old strike in spite of an approaching showdown with the government. Riot troops were called in to restore order in several prisons. Michel Vauzelle, the justice minister, declared the officers' action, prompted by fears for their security, illegal. Their complaints that the government is soft on crime are playing into the hands of the right-wing "no" campaign, led by Charles Pasqua, the Gaullist, Philippe de Villiers, a dissident member of the centrist UDF and Jean-Marie Le Pen, the chief of the extremist National Front, M de Villiers is depicting a mass breakout at the Clairvaux prison on Friday

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The timing yesterday of the indictment of Henri Emmanuelli, the parliamentary speaker, could not have been worse for the Mitterrand administration. M Emmanuelli was charged by an investigating judge in Britanny with receiving stolen funds and influence-selling on behalf of the socialists. The charges involve his time as party treasurer in a period when it is alleged to have financed its campaigns

in return for public contracts. Though widely expected, the action reopens the saga of financial corruption that tainted the Socialists in the late 1980s. M Bérégovoy and his government have denounced the judge's action as politically motivated and pledged their support for M Emmanuelli. After leaving the judge's office, M Emmanuelli said he was the victim of a political plot. The Socialists' case was not

through kick-backs from firms

helped by the publication of claims yesterday by a senior figure involved in the scandal that he had paid bills, some for M Mitterrand, and helped feed slush money from businessmen to the party. The allegations were made by Michel Reyt, the head of one of two Paris consultancy firms used by the Socialists. He was released last Thursday after 200 days in detention during which he was questioned by the same Breton judge, Renaud Van Ruymbeke. M Reyt, who faces charges of influence selling, said M Mitterrand's party had made him a scapegoat. He said he

had acted as a middleman between businessmen in search of contracts and party leaders. "Once the head of a company won the contract, the politicians would say to them: 'Monsieur, perhaps you should say thank you to the party'," he told the daily Le Parisien. He said he had also

printing of election posters for M Mitterrand in 1988 and the same for other members of his government.

On the other side of the spectrum, the chieftains of France's main right-wing parties intensified a campaign that has shunted European questions aside and assumed the tones of a combat for party leadership and eventually the presidency of France. Commentators concluded that Charles Pasqua, the Gaullist baron and crusader for a no vote, was making a bid to oust Jacques Chirac as chief of the neo-Gaullist RPR party.

A majority of party members disapprove of M Chirac's pro-Maastricht position. According to the pundits and pollsters, the outcome of the referendum hangs largely on M Chirac's ability to sway enough reluctant RPR voters over to his side of the fence to

Bundesbank lifeline leaves harassed MPs still treading water

paigners across the political

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

THE Bundesbank's decision to shave only 0.25 per cent off its key lending rate proved a members of the pro- and anti-European factions inside the Conservative party.

Tory MPs have spent much of their summer recess being badgered by supporters and constituents protesting about the length of the recession and penal interest rates. Waking up yesterday morning to newspaper headlines predicting a shock cut in German lending rates, they must have thought Frankfurt had belatedly decided to throw them a lifeline. In the event, they found themselves still treading water.

John Townend, the Eurosceptic chairman of the backbench finance committee,

rebels

back off

said he was disappointed by the size of the reduction and suggested it owed more to President Mitterrand's political difficulties over Maas-

More surprisingly, Peter Temple-Morris, a leading pro-European and MP for Leominster, also sounded battle weary. He believed most backbenchers would be disappointed the Germans had not been bolder in cutting borrowing costs. Although "something was better than nothing", he thought Brussels and its allies had oversold the move and it

tricht than Europe's economic

might have been better if they

Gould and | Leaders call for action not words

By Philip Webster, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SHADOW cabinet rebels backed away from a confrontation with John Smith over Labour's economic and European policies yesterday. They heeded an appeal

from Mr Smith, the party leader, to delay debating Labour's stance on a British referendum on Maastricht and a realignment of the European

LABOUR

exchange-rate mechanism

(ERM) until after Sunday's French vote on the treaty. They agreed to hold their fire until Labour's national executive committee meets on Wednesday week, when the leadership will put forward a new position on Europe to take account of the Danish and referendums. Mr Smith. however, made plain that the Euro-sceptics in his shadow cabinet, headed by Bryan Gould, John Prescott, David Blunkett and Michael Meacher, would be expected to abide by collective responsibility once the new stance had been endorsed.

Mr Gould, Mr Prescott and Mr Blunkett, members of the executive, did not take the opportunity yesterday to vote for amendments put forward by Labour's far left calling for a referendum and withdrawal from the ERM. Some on the left claimed that their statements had been delivered with an eye to the imminent national executive committee elections. Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, said: "It happens every year at this time. They had the chance today to vote for the referen-

dum and they did not take it." Mr Smith appeared last night to have won a breathing space in his effort to hold the party together on Europe. If the French vote "yes", his position will be eased. If they vote "no", the treaty will be dead and some of his problems will disappear. But it was made plain on Mr Smith's behalf that he remains opposed to a referendum on Maastricht, irrespective of the

French outcome. Earlier yesterday Mr Gould underlined his support for a realignment within the ERM which Mr Smith opposes. He told BBC radio that the Ger-man cut was so small that it By ROBIN OAKLEY POLITICAL EDITOR

businesses.

Norman Lamont, the Chan-

cellor, was putting a brave face

on the limited extent of the

German cut. Aides said he was

"not disappointed" by the

Bundesbank's caution and the

reduction showed that EC

pressure could pay dividends.

Mr Lamont was said to have

been involved in Sunday's

negotiations that led to yester-

day's easing of German rates.

"He has been going after this

and he's got what he wanted,"

Officials are normally reluc-

tant to speculate on future

interest rate movements, but

this convention was put to one

side as Whitehall launched a

concerted effort to sell the

German move as a vindica-

tion of European monetary cooperation. Pointing to week-

end headlines predicting a base rate rise this week in

advance of the French referen-

dum on the Maastricht treaty

on Sunday, a senior treasury

source said the "world had been turned on its head" by

Downing Street led the propaganda offensive by re-

jecting sugestions that the

0.25 per cent cut was insignifi-

cant. People had had exagger-ated expectations of the likely

size of the Bundesbank reduc-

tion. It was the first time the

Germans had lowered the cost

of borrowing for five years and

the direction of German rates

was now "firmly downwards".

There has been a significant

change of mood. We are now

talking about reductions in

John Watts, the centrist

Commons treasury commit-

Temple-Morris: move

on a downward path.

aide said.

the Bundesbank's move.

one source said.

THE Liberal Democrat leadership yesterday backed the government's efforts to avoid a devaluation of the pound. But although Paddy Ashdown and Alan Beith, the party's economic spokesman, won support for their espousal of a public works programme to lift Britain out of recession there was sharp rank and file criticism of the leadership for backing what some called an unrealistic exchange rate for the pound and for penalising Britain's manufacturers by "apeing" Treasury and Bank of England policy

Mr Beith warned the party's Harrogate conference that the pound was still not out of trouble despite Germany's interest rate cut. He urged Chancellor Norman Lamont to resist devaluation calls, saying such a move would force up interest rates

and damage confidence. Mr Beith said it was a fallacy and "dangerous nonsense" to believe that devaluation would solve the UK's underlying economic prob-lems. "Even with today's cut in interest rates by the

LEDENS

Bundesbank, the pound is not out of trouble. With prominent backbench Tories and Labour shadow cabinet members calling for devaluation, the Chancellor needs more than words to demonstrate the pound is not going to follow the lira."

But a string of floor speakers objected to the leadership line Margaret Sharp, from Guildford, complaining of the de-industrialisation of Britain, said that Britain had entered the ERM at too high a rate. Ross Finnie, chairman of the party's Scottish economic panel, accused the party of apeing the views of the Bank of England, the Treasury and the Tories. The party was tying itself to a policy not for workers, but for

exchange dealers. But Baroness Seear, a Liberal Democrat treasury spokesman in the House of Lords, rebuffed delegates who demanded devaluation. Winding up the debate, she said: "It would immediately put up interest rates because people would be afraid that one devaluation would be



Ringing the changes: a City trader on hearing the announcement of the German cut

Dealers mark the occasion with suitably wild rumour

HAVING been unexpectedly promised a "significant and general" cut in German interest rates on Sunday night. many people in the City felt a ittle short-changed when the Bundesbank jiggled around in its pocket yester-day morning and came up with only a quarter-point reduction in the key Lombard rate.

It was like checking the football pools coupon on Sunday night to find you had eight score draws and then waking up after a restless night of anticipation to dis-cover that millions of others had managed to tick eight score draws, too, and that the life-changing jackpot was not going to change your life after all

rates throughout Europe," an London's currency dealing rooms were fuller than usual. Tory chairman of the all-party earlier than usual, as traders braced for a jittery week tee, was one of the few to catch before Sunday's French vote Whitehall's mood, saying the on Maastricht. By 7am, German move was helpful as when Reuter screens are it indicated interest rates were normally warming up, they had been glowing green for a while as dealers digested fresh news along with their

croissants. Some glowed more brightthan others. The first I heard of it." said one of the City's top currency gurus, was when I got home on Sunday night and a journalist was phoning for my reaction. To what?' I asked like a wally.'

Far Eastern markets had already done the necessary arithmetic while Europe slept and by the time London started to trade, the dollar, the mark and sterling were already dancing in a new

THE CITY

Joe Joseph was up early to see the money men dancing to the Bundesbank's new tune

formation in response to the Italian lira's devaluation and the prospect of a cut in German interest rates. But the currency dealing room at Midland Montagu, over-looking the Thames, was still buzzing more loudly than usual with the babble of the bank's customers calling, customers asking to buy or sell currencies at yesterday's rates, traders buying and selling currencies with other traders around the world. A

cut for all. Then the shout rang out from David Simmonds, who tells the rest of Midiand's foreign exchange traders where different currencies are heading. He announced that the Bundesbank had cut the Lombard rate, but by

only a quarter of a point. The signal could have been stronger: many had been expecting anything up to a one-point reduction. But some had braced for no cut at all in the Lombard rate." just a trim in Gemany's less influential discount rate. At least it marked a turn in the road for German interest

Some felt cheated, some relieved. Most were standing up and barking at each

other, or down the black telephones clamped to their ears, the dealing room's usu-

al reaction to tension.
"Sterling fell to 2.78
marks as a result of the cut being smaller than expected," said a dealer. "People are ploughing into the dollar because there is a feeling that the differential between US and German interest rates is narrowing and is unlikely to widen. The dollar looks cheap against the

The City than reacted the way it often does when it has been dished up some big news but still feels a little peckish: it invented a wild ramour. The story suddenly erupted that Helmut Schlesinger, president of the Bundesbank, had resigned at the shame of it all.

"We've never had the Bundesbank cutting its interest rates like this before," Mr Simmonds explained. The Bundesbank has lost some of its credibility. That's what fed the resignation rumour."

It probably won't be the last rogue tale that hits the City this week. "I don't expect any immediate cut in UK interest rates," said Mr Simmonds as the mood around him turned from

major to minor.
"We'll have to wait for the Maastricht vote in France. Being cynical, there is the possibility of a quarter-point interest rate cut in Britain just before the Tory party conference."

Sounds like something that will bring City dealers to

Amato under fire for wasting funds

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALIAN newspapers criticised Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, yesterday for not opting for devaluation sooner, questioning whether his government is strong enough to handle the next phase of economic shock

therapy.
"We can only hope that Amato returns to the determination and energy shown in the first days of his mandate." said Mario Pendinelli, the editor of Il Messaggero. "If this does not happen we could find ourselves faced with not only a government crisis but a crisis of the republic." In the view of Il Giornale, of

Milan, "this decision represents a defeat not only for the government and the Bank of Italy, who wagered their prestige on the defence of the old parity, but for the entire country, which has lost another slice of its already scarce credibility". La Stampa's headline said simply "Italy surrenders".

Corriere della Sera published a full column of 14 official denials of plans to devalue made since early August as the country was bled dry of 30,000 billion lire of currency reserves. The central bank had consistently opposed devaluation as potentially inflationary and a short-term alliative that would encourage the four coalition parties to shirk the deep cuts in govern-ment spending needed for Italy to qualify for European monetary union.

Some commentators said the devaluation may have helped Italians to understand the seriousness of their economic plight and could improve support for the request Signor Amato made last week for three years of emergency

powers to fine tune the economy without approval from parliament. Il Giornale said that "if he already had more powers, perhaps this debacle could have been avoided". Political experts agree that Signor Amato can only restore his battered prestige if he manages to push his demand for special powers through an unwilling parliament where he has only a 16 seat majority. Luigi Abete, the employers' federation chairman, yesterday described devaluation as a "drug" that would be insufficient unless the government

. ITALY

wields the axe on public spending in its budget for 1993, to be presented to parliament by the end of the month. Signor Amato has made a start by introducing sweeping reforms but many economists believe these do not go far enough:

Signor Amato was expected to address the Chamber of Deputies tomorrow to outline his request for emergency powers that he has revised after reservations by President Scalfaro. Corriere della Sera said that if he cannot revise his request convincingly he might as well resign.

The mood in parliament yesterday was far from tender. Maurizio Gasparri, of the neo-fascist Social Movement, poured scorn on Signor Amato's attempt to outline the positive aspects of the 7 per the drastic devaluation of the lire as a quasi success only because Germany has made a very slight reduction in the interest rate is deceiving public opinion," he said.



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NEWS IN BRIEF Legal chief orders gay justice' enquiry

Lord Rodger of Earlsferry, the Lord Advocate, yesterday ordered an enquiry into claims that the administration of justice may have been influenced by the presence of homosexuals within the Scottish legal system. He demanded that a copy of a confidential police report, saying that homosexuals within the legal system may have interfered with the course of justice by laying themselves open to blackmail, should be delivered to him. The Crown Office in Edinburgh said that the report, ordered by Sir William Sutherland, Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders police, was never submitted to the prosecuting authorities.

The report, leaked to a newspaper last week, named a High Court judge, two sheriffs and leading members of the legal profession. It detailed facts and speculation surrounding Crown Office decisions not to prosecute some cases and to abandon others. James Friel, regional procurator fiscal of north Strathclyde, and William Nimmo-Smith, QC, of the Scottish Law Commission, will undertake the review.

Injection took seconds

A consultant pharmacologist told Winchester Crown Court yesterday that the injection of undiluted potassium chloride given by Nigel Cox to an elderly patient would probably have killed her within 60 seconds. Andrew Herxheimer said it could have disturbed the heart's rhythm and caused it to stop. Dr Cox, 47, a rheumatologist at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, denies attempting to murder Lillian Boyes, 70, after she begged him to end her suffering. Albert Vincenti, a consultant pathologist at the hospital, admitted that he signed a tremation certificate without examining Mrs Boyes' body and did not notice that the injection had been given. The trial continues today.

TV group cuts jobs

At least 100 jobs are to go at Yorkshire Television and Tyne Tees Television, the newly merged ITV companies that are thought to have overbid for their licences in last year's ITV franchise auction. The group employs 1,400 people, but industry sources believe that staff will have to be cut by almost half if the merged company is to break even. Clive Leach, group chief executive, said that the job losses would end duplication in administration and programme-making.

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Greenpeace 'alarmist'

Greenpeace is publishing alarmist propaganda about industrial pollution in rivers, the chairman of the National Rivers Authority said yesterday. Lord Crickhowell said that to achieve the Greenpeace target of zero pollution, Britain would have to return to the Stone Age. His comments came after a Greenpeace tour of the country which highlighted allegedly "legalised" polluting by companies holding NRA permits. Lord Crickbowell said the authority had reduced the amount of industrial effluence over the past three years.

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Professor Martin Harris, 48, vice-chancellor of Manchester University, is due to appear in court next month accused of kerb-crawling. Manchester magistrates confirmed yester-day that Professor Harris was listed to appear in court on October 6. Summonses are understood to have been issued. but not yet served. In a statement issued through the university. Professor Harris said: "I strenuously deny this charge and have no further comment to make." Professor Harris is married with two children.

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Mirror editor says Maxwell told him to publish lies

By Peter Victor

THE editor of the Daily Mirror was ordered to lie by the late Robert Maxwell to protect Nick Davies, the foreign editor who was later sacked, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Richard Stott refused the order and

was threatened with dismissal. Mr Davies is claiming unfair dismissal from the paper. The tribunal was told that he destroyed his credibility by lying to Mr Stott and his colleagues after allegations that he had been involved in spying and arms dealing. Mr Davies, 55, of Peckham,

southeast London, was named as an Israeli spy in the book The Samson Option, by the American journalist Seymour Hersh. He was accused of being involved in the kidnapping of the Israeli anti-nuclear dissident Mordechai Vanunu. The book also alleged that he was involved in arms deals in 1985 while in Ohio.

The tribunal, in Chelsea, southwest London, was told that Mr Davies was in Harare, Zimbabwe, covering the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting when reports of the allegations broke on October 20 last year. He was telephoned by Tom Hendry, Mirror assistant editor, and read the entire chapter of Hersh's book that concerned him. Mr Davies dismissed the allegations, saying: "It was all nonsense." He denied that he had ever been to Ohio. The Mirror printed a



Davies: claims unfair dismissal from paper

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front-page denial and a leading article attacking the two MPs who had raised the matter in parliament. On his return from Zimba-

bwe, Mr Davies was congratulating Mr Stott and other colleagues on a "wonderful job" in denying the claims when news came that the Daily Mail had a photograph of him meeting the wife of an arms dealer in Ohio. Asked to explain, Mr Davies thought for a moment and said that he now remembered the visit, the tribunal was told. He said that he did not realise that his comments would be published and that he had "inadvertently mis-stated" his denial. Mr Stott told the hearing

had not been telling the truth. Matters came to a head when The Sun printed a story accusing Mr Davies of lying. Mr Stott contacted Maxwell in New York and the publisher had ordered him to print a leading article attacking The Sun. When Mr Stott refused to do this, Maxwell had "reacted rather violently". Mr Stott said: "He said that

that he had come to the conclusion that Mr Davies

if I didn't do it he would fire me. So I then exploded and said, "That's bloody marvellous. You want to sack the innocent and protect someone who has lied." Maxwell had then put the telephone down. but Mr Stott contacted him again and said that they should fire Mr Davies. The point to me was that

Nick had not only lied to me and had continued to lie, but that the whole credibility of the newspaper was being put at stake. The newspaper trusted him implicitly ... but he had betrayed a trust between an editor and a member of his

Mr Stott said that, although Mr Davies' denial of meeting an arms dealer in Ohio had been a lie, he and other members of the Mirror staff did not believe that he had been involved in the "heinous" betrayal of Vanunu.

The case continues today.



Libel battle: Mona Bauwens, daughter of a PLO executive, at the High Court yesterday, where she is suing the publisher of *The People* for libel over an article about a holiday with David Mellor and his family. Report, page 1

Relatives lunge at killer joyrider

By Ray Clancy

RELATIVES of two children killed by a teenage joyrider tried to attack the driver in court yesterday.

Rodney Klevan, QC, for the prosecution, was opening the case against Christopher Lewin, 19, at Liverpool Crown Court when two men jumped from the public gallery. They ran towards Lewin and his coaccused David Nnah, 21. A policeman nearly fell over and another banged his head against a wall as they struggled with court officials to restrain the men.

The court was told how Adele Thompson, 12, and her friend Daniel Davies, 9, were thrown into the air and suffered multiple injuries when the sports car skidded sideways for 100ft, mounted the pavement at 40mph and hit them as they collected pennies for bonfire night in the Toxteth area of the city.

Lewin pleaded guilty to two charges of manslaughter, un-lawfully taking a car and driving while disqualified. Nnah pleaded not guilty to two manslaughter charges but admitted taking the car.

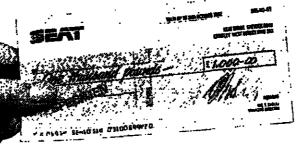
Both men were remanded in custody until September 25, when the judge will consider social enquiry reports before sentencing them. Nnah's not guilty pleas were accepted by the prosecution who said he had not driven the car.

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England rugby player broke teacher's jaw in friendly match

By DAVID YOUNG

AN ENGLAND rugby player who broke the jaw of a teacher during a friendly match between two club teams denied inflicting grievous bodily

Gary Rees, 32, followed Stefan Marty after a line-out and punched him, Kingston Court, southwest London, was told. Doctors had to wire up Mr Marty's jaw and put him on a liquid diet after the clash at the London Irish ground in Sunbury, Surrey, last January.

Mr Rees, who played the last of his 23 matches for England in the World Cup

last October, was playing for Nottingham during the match. He told police he pushed Mr Marty and the incident was an accident.

David Jeremy, for the prosecution, told the court "it was a blow that was delivered obviously by a very fit athlete from behind on a man who had no warning it was coming.

"Therefore, as you might expect, he was relaxed and not ready to take it. In those circumstances, it is not surprising that Mr Marty received serious injuries." Mr Jeremy said that Mr Rees, of Kegworth, Leicestershire, was

Welsh star accused

A FORMER Welsh rugby captain temporarily blinded a young player in an unpro-voked attack, a court was told

Mike Watkins, 40, who was capped four times in the eighties, gouged his thumbs into the eyes of Anthony Hurford, 18, a Cardiff youth player, who was taken to hos-pital after the incident in the Cardiff clubhouse last May.

Malcolm Bishop, for the prosecution, told Cardiff Crown Court that Mr Hurford had been minding his own business at the club bar when Mr Watkins, a Cardiff player, wagged his finger at him. "Mr Hurford is an up and coming player but Watkins told him he was not fit to wear his tracksuit." Mr Watkins then shouted about his girl friend before jabbing his thumbs into Mr Hurford's eyes, Mr

Bishop said. Mr Watkins, one of only two players honoured with the Weish captaincy on his debut, was interviewed by police and said Mr Hurford insulted his girl friend while she was waiting in the club foyer. Mr of Pontywaun. Gwent, denies assault causing actual bodily harm. The trial continues today.

a flanker opposite Mr Marty. After a line-out, Mr Marty moved towards his own end of the pitch. Mr Rees was seen to follow Stefan Marty and punch him once from beli to the side of the face," he said

"At the top level rugby is a game of hard physical contact and any player running on j strike Mr Marty is ou

John Keohane, a shocked by the "me

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fence, said the men accide collided when Mr changed direction. He Mile Mr Marty: "You were deliberately putting yourself between 16 stone of energy — Mr Rees — and his objective. That was a tactic you adopted throughout the game." Ar Marty replied: "I deny that." The trial continues today.

iddle, race director, in training in Snowdonia for the five-day, 220-mile Dragon's Back race that starts next Monday In teams, with 2016 survival packs over more than 50 peaks on a route from Conwy, Gwynedd, to Ammanford, Dyfed

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open the way to the development of drugs to treat arachnophobia, the fear of

control primitive fears inherit-In victims ed from prehistoric ancestors

may lack a sufficient amount of a chemical called GABA (gamma-aminobatyric acid) which normally adjusts anxiety levels, according to reearchers at Bristol University. In normal people, atavistic fear of spiders, snakes, thunder and lightning or heights is tempered by an anxiety brake shaped like a doughout that sits on top of brain cell

arachnophobia, for example,

the wrong amount of GABA affects the size of the hole in the middle of the doughnut, and prevents chloride ions from flowing into the cell. That causes it to trigger a director of the psychopharmacology reasearch unit at Bristol University, said. The victim's heartheat increases, he sweats and his muscles dench as he prepares to run or fight.

Dr Nutt said: "Some people spend their whole lives watching for spiders. I think they have too little GABA, which is controlling that primitive fear reflex which we normally keep dampened down."

The discovery, applying equally to sufferers of panic attacks, offers "really exciting possibilities" for designing drugs that would help anxiety and phobias without affecting a patient's memory or producing long-term dependence. Dr Nutt said. About half of all women and 10 per cent of men admit to at least disliking soiders, but severe arachnophobes may be classed as neurotic if their anxiety is uncontrollable.

"GABA deficiency may be inherited," Dr Nutt said. "The doughnut is made of five pieces and one of them may not work so well as the others.

may affect one of the five different pieces and bring on anxiety attacks." The way people respond to

benzodiazepine tranquilliser drugs, such as valium, may also be part of their generic code, inherited as part of their overall personality, he said. Anxious people had fewer receptors for those drugs, which are sited on the doughnut structure, suggesting that the brain normally makes a natural anxiety-reducing compound which is lacking in

The fear of spiders is usually explained as a purely psychological phenomenon, caused by a bad experience with a is that there were more spiders in bubonic plague stricken houses and fear of them now descends from a cultural memory that associated them with infection.

stressful event may precede the in a lift could produce the



Boarding survivors repair the damage

WHAT cruel streak so lurks in the English that drives them to despatch their prepubescent offspring to bleak and ghastly boarding schools at the size of eight or even younger, to be reared at the hands of carbonic matrons and sexually dubi-ous masters when all they want is their mummy? Do they seriously believe that society can still be conquered on the playing fields of Eton? Are they contributing as much as unemplos

ity of helping the victims. Three years ago he founded, Boarding School Susvivors a support group for sufferences. Next month he runs his latest clinic for those who feel they have been senously disadvantaged by the sup-posed benefits of an expensive education.

More than 60 former face the real world.

those who are overly anxious.

spider in the past. One theory

Dr - Nutt has found that stress has an effect on GABA function in the brains of animals, indicating that a onset of anxiety disorders by disturbing the brain's chemical balance. Theoretically, a stressful encounter with a tarantula could trigger arachnophobia or a frightening crush

baye collapsed in tears at Mar Duffiell's sessions when industried to fellow sufferences who remember sadistic fedings sevolting food and the peculiar necessity of taking cold showers naked while masters watched. Sufferers have talked of clinging to any miserable ing to any miserable memento of home, whether a chumb from their mother's

Mr Duffell sent one of his

pupils have received helpfrom Mr Duffell's sessions. which involve the uninhibited sharing of painful memo-ries. He is in touch with Childline and other agencies which help the helpless young. He says he has a huge postbag from people who feel boarding school has left them ill-equipped to

Previous clients, trained from an early age not to blub, be wimpish or otherhave collapsed in tears at

their bax or even a handful of their father's pipe ash. We are not attempting to pull down the public school ment, tower blocks and systems we are simply trying Ecstasy, to the breakdown in the breakd

technical deing stoic is greated you are a warrior, but bearding school is not a sister who you are any are any are any self-self-school Survivors says the not opposed to the public school system, only to the overpowering English desire to get rid of their children too young Mr Dutled sent one of his

own sons briefly to such an establishment, but not until the child was a tecnager. His views are regarded by the unreconstructed old boy set as the feeble rantings of a failed boarder. This notion that boarding schools have created misfits and malcontents is largely hogwash," a Headmasters' Conference spokesman said. "If they hadn't been damaged by boarding school, they

would have been damaged by something else,"

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New Severn bridge to boost M4

The foundations of a second bridge across the Severn were unveiled yesterday. The £300 million private toll bridge is expected to be opened in

three lanes in each direction, is three miles downstream from the Severn Bridge. The Anglo-French construction teams have begun work on both sides of the estuary and are assembling a fleet of barges and pontoons for the central

John MacGregor, the transport secretary, who joined David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, to unveil the work at Sudbrook Point, Gwent, said that the three-mile bridge would more than double the capacity of the M4. "It will greatly benefit communities and businesses on both sides of the estuary." he said.

£3m granted for pier park

Liverpool's pier head is to be developed as a public park announced yesterday by the environment ministry. The seven-acre site will include the Royal Liver, Conard and Port

of Liverpool buildings.
The development will feature raised lawns and a central concourse, an effended riverside walk and pedestrian links to the city centre. Work will begin in September and take

Speedie fined

Time Southampton footballer David Speedie was fined £50 by Jetsey-magistrates after admitting disorderly conduct in a hotel where the team was staying at the weekend.

Drug remand

George Trevor Smith. 50, of Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, was remanded in custody by Beaconsfield magistrates. Buckinghamshire, charged with possessing a charged with possessing a block of cannabis resin with a street value of £2.5 million.

Body found

Police are trying to trace a group of "new age" travellers after a woman's body was found close to a site used by travellers near Harrogate. North Yorkshire.

Climber hurt

Marie Nash, 23, of Chad desden, Derby, suffered injuries to her leg and lower torso after being trapped for two hours under a boulder while dimbing in the Peak District

Sheep savaged

Two dogs savaged 25 ewes worth more than £1,500, on a farm at Hewish, Avon. Police were searching for the dogs, which were scared off by the farmer, Steven Jones.

Rooted out

Thieves have stolen a collection of endangered plants being cultivated by conservationists at the Botanical Gardens in Ventnor, Isle of Wight

Fire saviour

Etthimious Papanicola, a restaurateur, saved his family from a fire at their home in Teignmouth, Deson, by throwing a mannes to the ground to break their falls.

Balancing acts

Businessmen in Liskeard Cornwall, are to be taught to juggle and ride unicycles to help them to overcome stress.



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Lone lifestyle poses few hitches for six million Britons

MORE people in Britain live alone than ever before and the number is forecast to be nearly eight million by the end of the century, according to a report published today. They embrace a healthier lifestyle than other households and are not particularly warried at host particularly worried about being lonely.

There are more than six million one-person homes, twice as many as there were 30 years ago. If single parents are added, then 40 per cent of households will either be single people or solo parents by the end of the century. John Cunningham, chief

executive of Mintel, the market researchers who publish the report, said: "What we are seeing is a radical change. The sooner we take this on board the better as there are issues that need to be addressed from social, commercial and political points of view.

"Society may be geared towards couples and families but most single people are very positive about living alone and make the most of the single lifestyle while it lasts." Mr Cunningham said.

One of the finds by researchers was that, contrary to popular image, single people do not eat a lot of junk food. Researchers found that single

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people's eating and buying habits revolve around convenience and indulgence.

Angela Hughes, Mintel's consumer research manager, said: "That does not necessarily mean junk food. Single people tend to spend more than couples on cereals, bread, eggs and milk which can be regarded as convenience foods because they are simple to use

and easy to store."
Those living alone buy more cakes, biscuits, sugar and jam but that is balanced by more fresh green vegetables and fresh fruit than other households. They have a positive attitude towards a healthy diet and are more likely to ear vegetarian meals and to disre-gard dehydrated fast foods.

Making the effort to cook proper meals varies according to age. Men, those under 55. and divorcees and separated people are more likely not to bother cooking if they are alone. But those aged over 55 and people who have never been married do not regard it

as too much trouble. Whether they are single by choice, divorced, separated or widowed, those living alone are not particularly worried about loneliness. About a third regarded it as a problem and

16 per cent said that they find SINGLE PERSON HOUSEHOLDS

> directory.
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> Few have the energy or the means to do paperwork or read on the journey. The survey found that 27 per cent of commuters worked while travelling (of whom 42 per

Half of the 304 business people surveyed said they would be interested in taking taxis that offered the use of fax

it difficult to manage on their own. Those who have suffered a bereavement are more likely to be concerned. Women over pension age

make up the largest group of single households. The trend is expected to continue because of better life expectancy for females.

One person households are mainly young single people and older people. The report says that living alone is a transitory state for many, especially those aged under 55.

The rise in the number of people does not mean British society is becoming more anti-social, the report says. People are embracing freedom and choice. People living alone said they lelt a sense of achievement at coping and that they welcomed the freedom of not to have to think

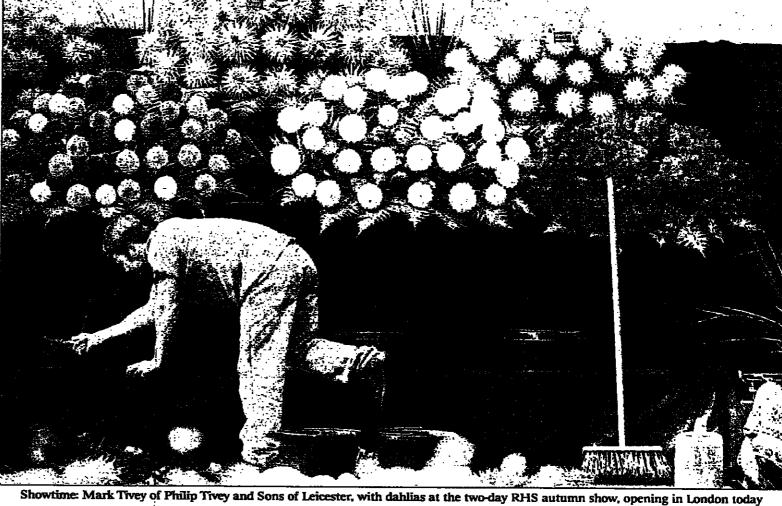
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☐ Office workers who live in London spend the equivalent of one working day a week travelling to and from their jobs, according to a survey published yesterday.

The average journey to and from work takes one-and-ahalf hours, which for 73 per cent of commuters is wasted time, said the survey by Business Pages, the business

achieves ten wins. cent did background reading) 25 per cent wrote reports, 15 per cent wrote lists and 12 per cent phoned work associates.

The opening of game eight



Dynamic Fischer seizes control

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

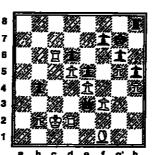
BOBBY Fischer took firm control of his match against Boris Spassky when he won the eighth game in Sveti Stefan, Montenegro, on Sunday night. Fischer's win took him into the lead, three games to two with three games drawn, in a contest worth a record \$5 million (£2.5 miltion) to the victor. The winner is the player who first

Doubts arose about Fischer's ability to make a convincing comeback when he lost games four and five to Spassky last week and fell into severe difficulties in the drawn game six. But games seven and eight showed all Fischer's old vigour.

was a sharp variation of the King's Indian Defence. After 21 moves, Fischer was trying to attack on the Queen's flank

while Spassky, playing white, hoped to create attacking chances on the other side of the board. On the 22nd move, Spassky failed to prosecute his offensive strongly enough and that slight hesitation allowed Fischer to establish a dominating squadron of black knights in the centre.

Now under heavy pressure, Spassky was struck down by a



The final position

sudden sacrifice of one of Fischer's knights. That raid cost Spassky his Queen for inadequate compensation. Fi-scher followed up with a sacrifice of a rook on the 37th move to break Spassky's defence, forcing his resignation

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Ramblers campaign over blocked paths

BY RONALD FAUX

THE Rambiers' Association yesterday launched a national campaign against what it called "Forbidden Britain Hot Spots" along a tree-lined track wandering for two miles through countryside near the Solway Firth in Cumbria.

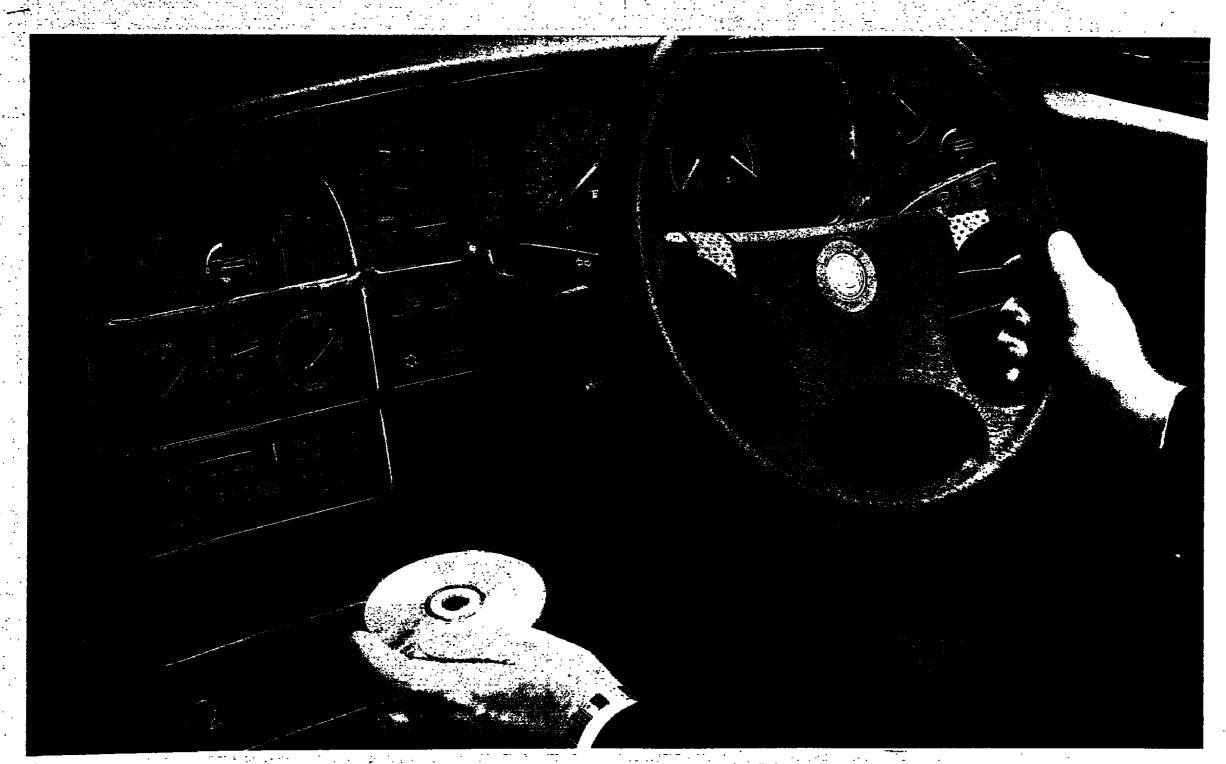
Association activists said that a local farmer had for years deliberately attempted to block the right of way with illegal barriers of barbed wire. Forty such paths across the countryside, where landowners have obstructed the right to ramble, have been selected to highlight the campaign.

Jerry Pearlman, a specialist in footpath law and solicitor to the Ramblers' Association. said: "This is as much a public right of way as the Queen's highway. It is clearly marked as such on the Ordnance Survey map."

David Beskine, leader of the

footpath campaign, said the "hot spots" were a small sample of the footpath and countryside to be tackled by the association. Countryside Commission surveys had shown that where a footpath had been blocked or ploughed up, eight out of ten ramblers would turn back.

Reports from ramblers in Hereford and Worcester indicated that up to 70 per cent of footpaths had been ploughed or obstructed. "The difficulties are growing just as the demand for places where people can enjoy a quiet country walk and the thirst for knowledge about footpaths is increasing.



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Liberal Democrats at Harrogate: party split over conference 'tactical mistake'

MP to quit in protest over abortion vote

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Liberal Democrat MP David Alton will not stand again for the party, in protest at a decision to make abortion a policy issue rather than a matter of conscience.

Mr Alton resigned as Liberal Democrat chief whip in 1987 in order to bring in a backbench bill to lower the time limit for abortions from 24 to 18 weeks. The bill was eventually "talked out" by MPs amid angry scenes in the Commons and Mr Alton has since refused to take a parliamentary portfolio.

His decision yesterday was in response to a declaration by the party conference in Harrogate that NHS staff who refuse to perform abortions must refer pregnant women to colleagues willing to operate. Mr Alton, MP for Liverpool

Mossley Hill, said it was the first time the party had adopted a formal policy on abortion, which had previously been an issue of conscience for individual MPs. Announcing that he would not stand for the party at the next general election, he said: "While this policy remains intact. I will not be able to fight for or recommend people to vote for the Liberal Democrats."

The depth of the division between Mr Alton and the party was clear in his comments to a fringe meeting last night. "Parties make policies on issues such as this at their peril. It will rightly alienate countless people who will nev-er vote for, join or stand for a party which removes the right of conscience on this issue, and I will stand four-square with them.

Other leading Liberal Democrats also expressed fears that the decision to lay down abortion policy might cost the party support. Archie Kirk-wood, the party's chief whip, declared the conference decision a "tactical mistake", and Simon Hughes, the MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, warned representatives that the policy-making move might be misinterpreted out-

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side the party. Although MPs will not be bound by party policy in a spread concern in the party that the policy will be perceived as being pro-abortion. It is the first time that the party has established abortion policy in England and Wales, although it already exists in the

party in Scotland Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader who proposed backbench legislation which led to the legalising of abortion in 1967, was also reported to be concerned that the

of individual conscience rather than one of party policy, although he was not present

Mr Alton also objected to a requirement, passed overwhelmingly by the conference, that abortions be carried out within 14 days of being sought, a proposal which, he said, did not give women sufficient time for counselling. He would consider whether

to stand as an independent candidate or join another party at the next election but would continue to work for the party in the meantime. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said that Mr Alton had played "no part in the building up of our new party. It is sad to see him go but it won't make any difference to the way we conduct our affairs."

Mr Alton said the policy



Steel: led the way in

obliging doctors to refer women to other medical practitioners "further restricted the rights of conscience of medical staff. It forces doctors and nurses to refer patients for an abortion even if they are morally and ethically

opposed."
Mr Alton's seat, which he won in a by-election in 1979, was held in April's general election with a 2.606 majority. He has recently increased his involvement in the anti-abortion campaign through his position as vice-president of the organisation Life, and as founder of the Movement for Christian Democracy.

During yesterday's debate, Nigel Williams, from Dul-wich, south London, said: "We can't have our cake and eat it. If we are to have a genuine conscience position, we can't have a detailed policy on abortion. The two are incompatible."

Proposers of the motion said the current law allowing abortion was unequally implemented, with women's access to NHS abortions depending on health authority resources in their areas and the beliefs of their individual doctors.

Dr Jenny Tonge, a GP from Richmond and Barnes, said: "This motion does not ask us to approve or disapprove of abortion. The present law allows for both points of view. but its implementation is patchy. This debate is about ustice and fair and equal implementation of the law."

Matthew Parris, page 16



Protest vote: David Alton registers his dissent in the abortion debate yesterday

Delegates scorn Ashdown's 'right-wing' challenge

Daddy Ashdown and his team of Liberal Democrat "brains" received a severe rebuke from conference repre-sentatives yesterday for their policy document setting out the party's core themes and

After a wave of derisory, and occasionally downright rude, comments about Challenge, Opportunity and Responsibility, the conference divided over whether to tear up the document or use it as the basis for future policy making. With a final plea from Lord Holme of Cheltenham, the team's vice-chairman, not to engage in symbolic gestures, the leadership won the day by 13 votes. Voting was 324 to 311.

Given the scale of the criticism, the policy makers are expected to rethink the document almost entirely. issue should remain a matter The main complaint about the

limited approval for their new policy document, Sheila Gunn writes. The party's "brains" will now have to think again

The Liberal Democrat leadership won

24-page document was its right-wing tendency with the esponsal of free-market principles and the talk of "empowerment" of the individual. Representatives variously called for more commitment to community politics, the return of full employment and tough "green" measures. Bernard Salmon from Folkestone and Hythe sug-

gested an alternative title of fudge, mudge and bollocks". The document was full of platitudes, awful, shoddy and

ill-prepared, he said. Party officials disclosed later that the original text had describe the public sector and had been more enthusiastic about the merits of

t was drawn up by the new Lagenda working group, chaired by Mr Ashdown, in-cluding Lord Holme, the MPs Nick Harvey and Robert Maclennan, councillors David Howarth and Sarah Ludford and Rabbi Julia Neuberger. The Liberal Democrat leader described the document as the source paper for future policy positions and the first step towards the

party's manifesto at the next general election. Gordon Lishman, a leading

party official, said some of the document was fundamentally wrong and its tone was patronising with talk of values and themes rather than philosophy and coherence.

Michael Smart from Greenwich complained that the economic policy section set the party on a lopsided course: strong on individual values. weak on communal values. "I fear the document is wheeling too much to starboard, that is to the right." Jackie Ballard from Taumton said: "If it is so blindingly obvious that defence must be the responsibility of the state, how is it not also obvious to the party's free-market gurus that health, education, housing and transport should also be the responsibility of government?"

said the document skimmed over education and training, while James Walsh, a West Sussex county councillor and GP, complained that the term 'empowerment" was Toryspeak for empowering the rich to opt for private services.

O ne of the most outspo-ken critics, Alex Wilcock, president of Essex students' union, said the party had become "recklessly timid" with no vision. It was, he said, a "dead party document". He hoped the party would have the courage of the convictions which the document did not have and throw it out.

Lord Holme admitted it was not a perfect paper but it was designed for consultation. He promised that, whatever the outcome of the conference vote, it would be worked on further in the next

BRIEFS Wilson attacks pact talk

Des Wilson, the Liberal Democrats' 1992 election campaign manager, last night questioned Paddy Ashdown's decision to raise the prospect of closer co-operation with Labour only one month after the election.

At a conference rally. Mr Wilson said that talk of a political realignment, as in Mr Ashdown's Chard speech on May 9, was unrealistic. "It just won't happen, definitely not while Labour remains as it is," he said.

Although he did not rule out limited co-operation, he urged Mr Ashdown, Simon Hughes and others to resist the siren calls for realignment. Mr Wilson said: "Was Paddy's postelection speech a mistake? Maybe it was. We forget sometimes that what matters is not what we're trying to say but what others think they hear."

BBC told to have courage

The BBC was was told to "stop cowering" from the criticism it suffered from Margaret Thatcher's gov-ernment and defend its role as one of the world's major broadcasters.

Robert Smith, a former Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate from Aberdeen North, pressed the corporation's governors to underline the BBC's importance in advance of its charter being renewed. Telling the conference that the corporation no longer faced such strong government pres-sure, he said: "I find it quite depressing that the corporation's governors are doing so little.'

Policy defied

Liberal Democrat activists demanded the setting up of a party working group to look at moral issues raised by genetic engineering. Delegates defied the wishes of their federal policy committee to support overwhelmingly a motion lemmas posed by the science. The committee had said that, while these should be considered in the context of all policy areas, the time "was not right for us to look at the subject in its own right".

Teachers call for 16.5pc pay rise

By JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION

THE National Union of Teachers was left isolated yesterday after claiming a pay rise worth four times the rate of inflation. Conservative MPs joined other union leaders in dismissing the claim as unrealistic.

As the NUT lodged its submission arguing for a 16.5 per cent rise, the Nat-ional Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers said it would be seeking increa of 8 to 10 per cent. Nigel de Gruchy, the general secre-tary, said: "NASUWT believes a balance has to be struck between arguing the case for a deserved pay increase for teachers while at the same time retaining credibility with the public."
Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former Tory education minister and MP for Brent North, predicted that teachers could expect no more than 1 or 2 per cent more than the going rate for public servants. "I

sympathise with teachers on



Boyson: "There is no way claim will be credible"

their pay claim but at a time of increased unemployment and huge numbers of business failures, there is no way a 16.5 per cent claim will be

Harry Greenway, a fellow Conservative MP and former headmaster, said: "They should come into line with the more moderate claims of other teacher unions in the interests of the children, the economy and the future of Doug McAvoy, the NUT's

general secretary, insisted

that the claim was a vital

investment to "restore teachers to their rightful place and no make the profession at-tractive again". The union is calling for legal limits on class sizes and limits on teachers' working hours, as well as a pay rise.

The National Association of Head Teachers will also finalise a lower claim than the NUT's before the end of the week. David Hart, the general secretary, said: "I am confident that our claim will be realistic."

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Smith puts jobs-for-all at centre of party policy

Don Foster, MP for Bath,

LABOUR yesterday restored objective of its economic policy in John Smith's first policy statement, to go before the annual conference later this

Agenda for Change, sees Mr Smith trying to position Labour on the side of the individual and the consumer against vested interests. Labour should be the party "of success and self-reliance", it says in an overt appeal to the upwardly mobile middle classes who have been lost to the Tories.

In a frank admission of past failures the paper, drawn up by Mr Smith in collaboration with key front-bench col-leagues, says: "The severe disappointment we suffered in the general election demonstrates quite clearly that we cannot go on as before. In recent years the party has eliminated many of the negative factors that seriously weak-ened our position in the early Eighties, but we have been less successful in articulating the positive agenda that Labour must bring to the British people. Our task now is to overcome the distance that many of our potential supporters feel from Labour."

It goes on: "Labour must be seen to support self-reliance

Labour's new leader is trying to put the party on the side of the

individual, writes Philip Webster

and hard work and pride in achievement. Labour's task is to identify with the hopes and aspirations of individual men and women ... across the country so they in turn identify

The restoration of the full employment pledge is a signif-icant shift in tone. Labour approached the last election promising to aim for the fullest possible level of employment", a cautious wording designed to prevent charges that it was making unrealistic commitments.

The paper approved yester day says: "Our aspiration is to make full employment once again a central objective of economic policy. The document confirms the

leadership's plan to have future policy-making overseen by a 16-strong committee of the national executive and the shadow cabinet. A 100-member forum will be set up next year, from which policy commissions will be drawn to

programme. Mr Smith will chair the committee, which aims to bring flexibility to policy making. Many party figures felt that Labour's taxation at the election were out of date, having been agreed in 1989 during a different eco-

The paper accepts that Labour will have to change to win the voters' trust. "Labour was born out of the struggle for change at the end of the last century; a demand for change made by millions of ordinary working people to meet their aspirations for democratic rights and social justice."

Without giving any hint of the likely outcome of the internal debate on proportional representation for the Westminster elections, the document makes clear that constitutional issues will have a high priority under Mr Smith Britain is alone among the major western European nations in not laying down in legislation the basic rights of our citizens and in not giving them a direct means of asserting these rights through the courts. We must examine the case for a bill of

Labour should be the champion of the individual. "We want to see a government, national and local, acting as a powerful advocate of the citizen, providing information. advice, advocacy and legal assistance to individuals." People need to know Labour is defending them against "brutishness and vandalism, the drift into anti-social behaviour and the disintegration of the values which reinforce decency, neighbourliness and com-

munity self-help." The paper calls for an integrated and truly national health service with a new emphasis on prevention and the economic benefit of investment in health. It carries forward previous pleages to improve the public services.

Portillo seeks curb on spending

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury will outline the key areas which face the toughest curbs on public spending at the first meeting of the special cabinet

committee on Thursday. The committee, chaired by Norman Lamont ,the Chancellor, was set up as part of the new mechanism to rein in public spending. Over the past two weeks Mr Portillo has been meeting heads of departments to ensure that spending next year is limited to the £244.5 billion total agreed in

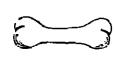
Ministers who were bidding for an extra £14 billion have been asked to draw up two programmes: one using the baseline agreed in last year's expenditure white paper, and a second, lower, target to allow for demand-led expansion in areas such as social security. All departments are being pressed to keep public sector pay rises in line with inflation. now predicted at less than 3 per cent next year.

The £70 billion social security budget, which accounts for nearly a third of public spending, is expected to face the toughest scrutiny, but politically accountable arrives will litically acceptable savings will be hard to find. Although part of the benefits bill will be met from the contingency reserve. other spending departments may have to be out back to fund the remainder. Revised unemployment estimates for next year are 600,000 higher than the 2.4 million anticipated, leading to an extra cost of at least £2.1 billion.

The most vulnerable spend ing departments are defence. transport, health, environment and the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland departments.



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Patients to get wider guarantee from extended charter By JILL SHERMAN

HEALTH ministers are planning to extend the patient's charter to cover GP services in a drive to improve primary health care throughout the

Until now the patient's charter has concentrated on hospital services, in particular reducing the length of time people have to wait for operations. NHS patients have

waiting limit for all procedures, with an 18-month limit for specific surgery such as hip operations.

Ministers now want to concentrate more on the length of time people wait in GP surgeries and the speed at which medical records are processed and transferred when patients want to change doctors. They also want to ensure that patients have as much information as possible about health services available at practices and complaints procedures. Ministers have been impressed by local charters setting out in greater detail the services to which patients are entitled, and want to see these moves extended nationwide.

Although hospitals have been urged to cut waiting times in outpatient clinics, until now GP surgeries have been largely overlooked. Many people also complain

changing GPs and the length of time taken to transfer records from one GP practice to another. Ministers are confident

they can reduce maximum hospital waiting times furreduce waits for all operations to 18 months, and eventually to a year. They point to the success of the two-year limit, which was just about achieved in April, days before the general election.

Under the scheme, if patients cannot be admitted to a hospital locally within two years they are sent to a hospital in a different district or to a private hospital.

Other aspects of the patient's charter include maximum waiting times for ambulance services, immediate access to accident and emergency services, and having a named nurse, midwife or health visitor responsible for each patient.

Sarajevo's

boycott of

talks shocks

UN envoy

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

Eckhard said that Mr

Izetbegovic "was categorical

was sent back by Mr Vance". Radovan Karadzic, the Bos

nian Serb leader, also suggest-

ed that he might not show up to Friday's talks if a "no-fly

implications of the "no-fly

zone" only became apparent yesterday as reports came in of the first sustained Serb mili-

tary setbacks in Bosnia for

Serb power will be weak-

ened seriously if its leadership

can no longer use helicopters

to hop from town to town and

commute to Serbia. For the

first time there are reports that

the main road from Belgrade

to the Serb stronghold of Pale

near Sarajevo is no longer secure, Bosnian forces having

attacked traffic near the east-

The Belgrade news agency

Tanjug reported that ten civil-

ians were killed in an ambush

between Zvornik and Tuzla last week and added that

survivors heard Muslim women and children shouting

'Allahu Akhbar" as the attack

Over the weekend the vital

northern corridor linking Ser-

bia with Serb-controlled

position is far less secure than

Yeltsin's camp accuses central

bank of causing economic woe

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

previously thought.

ern town of Zvornik.

took place.

several months.

CYRUS Vance, the United

Nations peace envoy, reacted

angrily yesterday to the deci-

sion of President Izetbegovic

of Bosnia to pull out of peace

talks in Geneva on Friday. A

UN spokesman, Fred Eck-hard, said that Mr Vance had

been shocked because Mr

Izetbegovic had given him a

solemn personal commit-

ment" to come. Mr Vance has

responded that he still expects Mr Izetbegovic to show up or

The dispute blew up as

buildings blazed in Saraievo

and reports indicated that

Serbian forces were on the

defensive and even retreating from areas previously thought

to be solidly under their con-trol. Battles raged in the

western suburbs despite UN

assurances that they were now

monitoring Serb heavy weap-

onry in 11 locations. Shells

also fell on the town centre

and at least four were killed.

A Bosnian presidency mem-ber, Ejup Ganic, said: "The

heavy weapons were supposed

to be under the control of the

UN Protection Force (Unpro-

fer), but Unprofor are con-

fused and disoriented. In

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think we will continue (the

There was no statement by

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ors had come under their

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had not been handed in or

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On Sunday night Mr

Letbegovic wrote to Mr Vance

siying that he could not attend

cace talks while Bosnian

cties were under attack. Mr

for hindering reforms for

Sergei Vasiliev, a director of

ne Centre for Economic Re-

frm, said the bank had been

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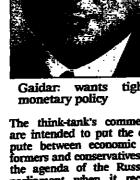
political motives.

ofensive to break the siege.

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send a delegation.

inflation very soon Mr Vasiliev said 10 per cent d Russia's gross national product was flowing out as cedits to the other states "without the faintest chance" i would ever be repaid. "The entral bank's policy represents a full-scale retreat from tie path of reform. In practce, it is working to discredit



The think-tank's comments are intended to put the dispute between economic reformers and conservatives on the agenda of the Russian parliament when it reconvenes next week. Blaming the central bank for economic misfortune is now a regular pastime of President Yeltsin's camp, so much so that it is

easy to conclude that if the bank and all its weaknesses did not exist, it would have been necessary for Mr Yeltsin to invent them as a scapegoat. But it is also a large and implacable foe that he could well do without.

Gerashchenko, a former head of the Soviet central bank, has begun issuing loans to state enterprises to cover their debts. Mr Gerashchenko, a conservative, is wary of the tight monetary policy fa-voured by Yegor Gaidar, the prime minister, and the International Monetary Fund. His policy towards state enterprises enables them to keep

Where Mr Gaidar favours creating a small pool of unemployed on the Western model to keep wage demands in check, the bank appears to have retained the communist horror of unemployment.

Romanov bones, page 12

tre cause of reform." Neo-Nazi killers get four years

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BERLIN

FOUR neo-Nazis convicted for their role in the killing of an Angolan in November 1990 in Eberswalde were sentenced yesterday to between three and four years in prison. A fifth was placed on probation for two years.

Amadeu Antonio Kiowa, 28. a guestworker. was kicked and beaten unconscious by about 50 thugs and ded in hospital days later. the first casualty of racism in post-unification Germany. The four-month trial end-

el in uproar as a group of protesters were expelled from the court building accusing the judge of being too testimony revealed a chilling lenient. A dozen masked leftwing supporters demonstrated outside with banners proclaiming: "Hunt the Nazis, beat them up and destroy

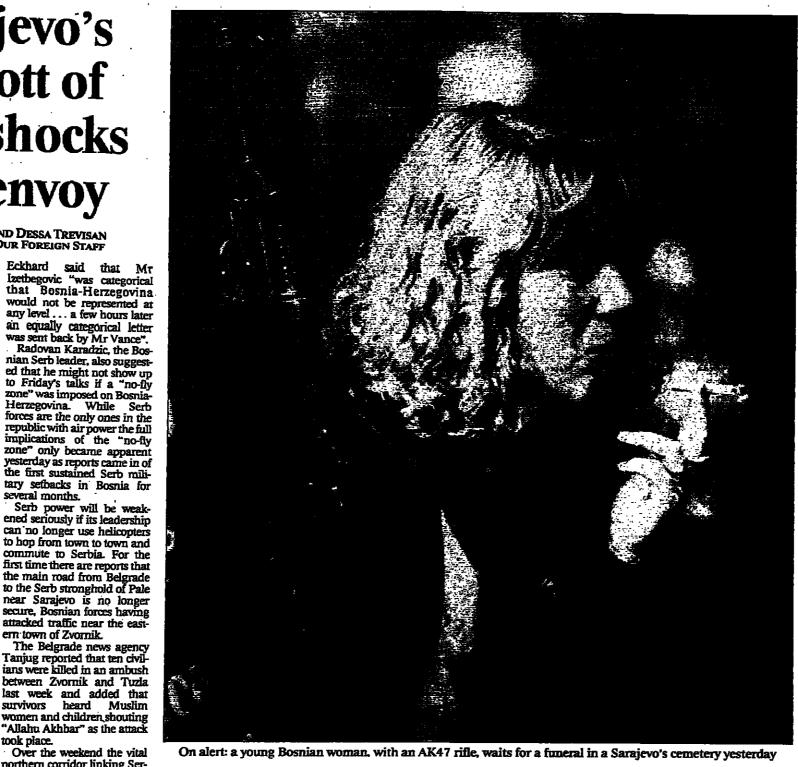
the whole bloody system."

During the trial the prosecution said police had moni-tored the skinheads. But when the violence started the police are alleged to have remained at a distance while Kiowa went down in a hail of blows from baseball bats, fence posts, kicks and punch-

indifference to the murder by local people. "I found a negro in front of the chemical factory," a hairdresser. 18, testified. "When I saw his face had been smashed. I continued walking. He was just a negro."

Cornelia Schmalz-Jacob

sen, federal commissioner for foreign affairs, called for stiff sentences for the killers.
"The court should be as tough on right-wing extremists as left-wing ones." But es. Three policemen are Judge Hartmut Kamp said under investigation for pos- it was not for the court to set sible dereliction of duty. The an example.



over the weekend around Zvornik and Visegrad.

northern Bosnia and Serb areas in Croatia was cut for the The Bosnians have accused first time since it was secured the Yugoslav Army of attemptby the Serbs in July. Tanjug ing to shore up the faltering reported that artillery, tanks Serb positions in the east by and heavy artillery firing from sending 100 tanks over the across the Sava river in Crofrontier at the weekend but atia had been used. The there was no confirmation of corridor was reported open

From Zagreb, AFP reported again yesterday but the fact that fighting continues there means that the Serb military that Serbian forces launched several air attacks in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina on yesteray in apparent defiance Even more serious, from the of international moves toward creating an exclusion zone in Serb point of view, are reports Bosnian airsnace. Six aircraft of clashes in several eastern outskirts of the Croatian town them like ninepins at the of Slavonski Brod, 120 miles beginning of the war. Bosnian forces previously besieged in east of Zagreb on the border with Bosnia-Herzegovina. Gorazde are now thrusting Slavonski Brod was also hit by outwards. Fighting was reheavy artillery from northern ported in nearby Foca and

Bosnia as were a dozen neighbouring villages. Seven civilians were wounded.

Air raids were also reported

Bosnia shelling continues as monitors take control of Serb artillery

atia's Adriatic coast.

in north-west Bosnia, with the industrial area of Cazin and residential sectors in Bihace hit by fragmentation bombs. Shannon Boyde, the UN forces' spokeswoman in Zagreb, said a strong explosion had damaged the runway at the civilian airport in Zemunik, near Zadar, on Cro-

She said French UN troops

had gone to examine the runway. Two French soldiers were killed there on June 17 when their vehicle ran over a

■ Zagreb: UN peacekeeping troops took over a large dam yesterday, in a move that involved rare Serb-Croat cooperation and should restore regular water and electricity supplies to Croatia's coast (AP reports).

A UN spokeswoman said

UN troops took over guarding the Peruca dam, 30 miles

inland from the Dalmatian coast. Water from the dam drives three hydro-electric power stations in Croatian territory. "There are armed UN soldiers guarding the site and the UN flag is flying over

it," she said. The dam supplies water to more than 500.000 people in Split and the surrounding coast. It fell under control of Serb militias during Croatia's six-month war last year.

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Bonn wins backing for new jet

London: The survival of the 522 billion four-nation European Fighter Aircraft project looked precarious yesterday after Germany appeared to have won support from Italy and Spain for a new, lighter Eurofighter (Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent writes). If three of the four EFA partners agree to build a totally new aircraft", Britain could be left on her own.

German officials said Volker Rühe, the German defence minister and Julian Garcia Vargas, his Spanish counterpart, agreed that remaining research and development funds for the EFA should now go towards de-signing a lighter aircraft. About half the E5.5 billion for developing the EFA has been The two met on the sidelines

of a Franco-Spanish summit on the North Sea island of Sylt. German sources said a similar pledge was made by the Italian defence minister in Venice at the weekend.

Thai pact

Bangkok: Four of Thailand's anti-military parties have agreed to form a coalition government after victory in Sunday's elections. Chuan Leekpai, the Democrat party leader, is to be nominated as prime minister. (Reuter)

Link destroyed

Tbilisi: A bridge between Armenia and Georgia, forming their only remaining rail link, was blown up. It is not known who was responsible. The other supply route to Armenia from Russia, through Azerbai-jan, had already been cut. (AP)

GIs help out

Lihue: US troops helped clean up districts devastated by Hurricane Iniki and officials tended to more than 7,000 people in shelters on Kauai island. About 10,000 homes were damaged in Hawaii's worst storm this century. (AP)

Security check

Delhi: India is to set up an independent human rights commission to investigate charges of brutality by security personnel combating separatists. Ministers will outline the work of the commission. (AP)

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THE Russian government's conomic think-tank said yestrday that the country was leading for hyperinflation vithin the next two months and blamed the central bank

wants tight

The bank, headed by Viktor

on their workers, even though productivity has slumped.

fist salute, prompting nervous giggles and whistles from assembled viewers. In the midst of the captives stands Señor Guzmán, inscrutable behind thick spectacles and a large grey beard. His hands behind his back, star-

Lima put on alert after arrest of Shining Path guerrillas

ing intently at his captors, he looks like nothing so much as a philosophy professor -which is exactly what he was before he abandoned academic life in the Sixties to devote himself to permanent and bloody armed struggle. "My turn to lose," he report-edly told police when he and

his comrades surrendered to police - a stunning setback in Shining Path bas been winning against the Peruvian government for more than 12 years. Funded by cocaine trafficking and driven by Señor Guzmán's blend of Maoism and hideous violence, the Shining Path has an extraordinary psychological hold on the minds of Peruvians, compounded by the until now omnipresent but seldom seen spectre of Senor Guzman

Before last weekend most Peruvians, including many of his supporters, had never set eyes on him, apart from in a few fuzzy police photographs (he was briefly captured in 1979) and one grainy video apparently showing the Maoist guerrilla dancing at a party.



For some, the sight of the com-munist leader, 57, at one point in the video staring sullenly from behind bars with a prisoner's placard — No. 1509 d his neck, still proved ferritying one woman stood in front of a television yesterday in a Lima hotel lobby, peeping out from between her

The capture of the Shining Guzman has come at a critical dissolved congress and judiciary in April in order,

than 27,000 people, it is revenge. The discipline fanaticism of the Shining I cadres far outweigh th numbers (they are thou have as few as 5.000 a men and women); even elet Señor Guzman's

ers, and appealing to God

hind bars on Peruvian television yesterday after his arrest

violence has already replaced night in Lima's affluent sub-urbs. Now, security has been boosted in the richer areas and many of the wealthier citizens of Lima have reportedly taken refuge in the countryside or travelled abroad.

The president's popularity has naturally soared, but once the cuphoria wears off he faces a crucial dilemma. In a televised address on Sunday night he promised that the captured errillas would be subject to the "maximum penalty". That could mean life imprisonment, leaving Senor Guzman as a focus for future violent activity. The Senderistas have

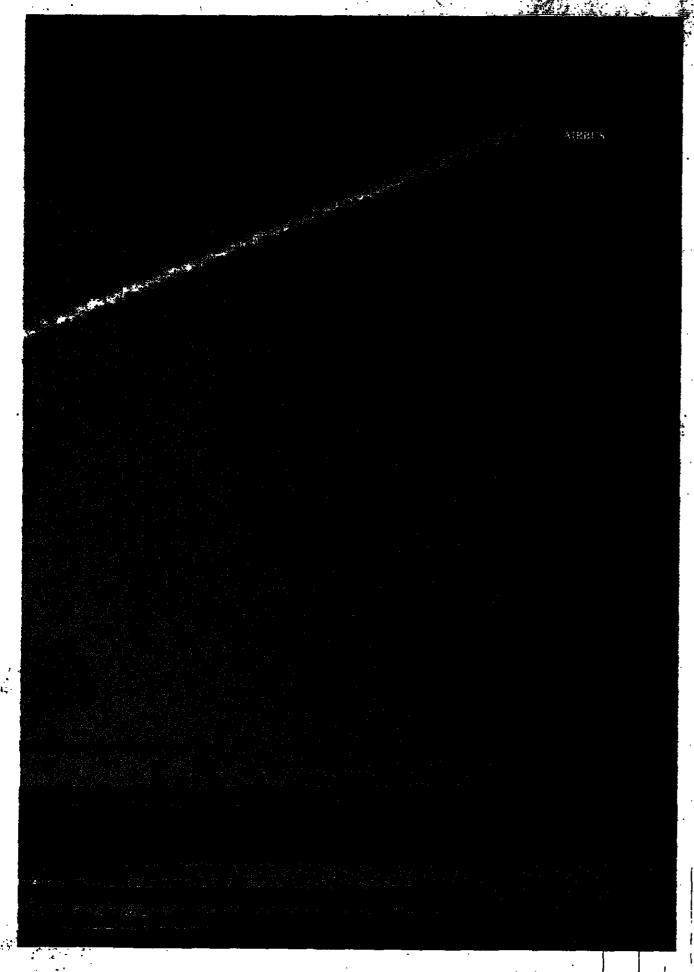
escapes in the past.
Under recently passed anti-terrorist laws, Serior Guzman could alternatively be tried by a military court and executed even though Peru's 1980 constitution (now suspended) out-

lawed the death penalty. Should he thus acquire th status of a martyr, he would take his place in the pantheon of communist deities, ensuring the continuation of Pent's communist insurgency many more bloody years.

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on maintaining this level

of cooperation.

Cooperation between

Aerospatiale and British

Bush takes Major as model for poll

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush campaign, struggling to develop a potent line of attack against Bill Clinton, has begun drawing heavily on the themes of John Majors victory against Neil Kinnock in April's general election.

Campaign officials have studied the prime minister's election speeches and the Tories' party political broadcasts and advertisements. In Washington last week Sir John Lacy, the Conservatives' former director of campaigning. and Mark Fullbrook, the new senior Republicans on the Tory victory. They included Fred Malek, the Bush campaign manager, Robert Tee-

ter, the chairman, and Charles Black, the senior adviser. Mr Bush has yet to mount a soapbox, but increasingly he is attacking Mr Clinton on exactly the same fronts that Mr Major used to undermine Mr Kinnock — taxes, trust and experience. Like Mr Major, Mr Bush is painting his opponent as a champion of higher taxes and him a higher taxation and bigger government, a throwback to the shambles of the late 1970s. "Who do you trust to bring it all home - foreign policy, security policy and economic policy? Who do you trust?" the president asked recently. "Just stop, listen and think. Dare you trust your

savings, your shares to the Labour party?" Mr Major asked in April.
"The Tories' campaign made no bones of the fact the economy was bad, but that under Labour it could be dramatically worse. We think that message could be effective here," said Jeffrey Eisenach, the executive director of a Republican committee called Gopac, who organised the

home, your pension, your



their host. Newt Gingrich, he

Republican House whip. The case against Mr Claton is that you can't trust hin. and you can't afford hin," said Jim Pinkerton, a senor member of the Bush tean. "Your elections have ben ahead of ours for some time ... There are a lot of brold similarities.

"Both the Republicans aid the Conservatives have he opportunity to ride the worllwide trend away from conmunism, bureaucracy aid socialism. Clinton and Kpnock are going in the teethof the march away from all tha."
The big difference between

the two campaigns is that Ar Major was a fresh face, but Republicans officials preferio Like Mr Major, Mr Bush is in incumbent facing a resurgent opposition that last held pover in the 1970s, and is doing to at a time of economic hair-ship. Like Mr Major, he tok over from a far more colourld and ideological predecessor

But as in Britain, they su believe that despite the pols the electorate will ultimately consider Mr Clinton, like Mr Kinnock, just too big a risk

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Nixon renews bid for tapes' payment

The former American president, Richard Ninon, unsuccessful in his efforts to control access to papers and tapes from his White House days, is making a new attempt to be paid for public disclosure of

The US Court of Appeals in Washington was to hear arguments yesterday in the latest legal battle over the papers, including Watergate related material. Mr Nixon is appealing against a ruling last year by Judge John Garrett Penn, who said the material belongs to the American people and the government did not owe Mr Nixon, who wants damages for loss of privacy, any more for taking them.

Bill Cosby, who retired from his television comedy pro-gramme, The Cosby Show, will earn millions from re-runs of the show, and again tops

40 highest paid entertaines, with estimated earnings of 69 million for 1991 and 1992

Eilern Bond, the divorced wife of Australia's failed business tycoon, Alan Bond, told a Perth newspaper that she shredded some of his expensive suits in fits of agger during their 37-year nar-nage Bond, 54, was feed from jail last month offer serving three months of a 24year sentence for dishonesty. An appeal court has ordered a

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DAY SUPPLIES

Pretoria acts over Bisho killings

Ciskei chief given severe reprimand

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

BRIGADIER Joshua "Oupa" Gozo, the military ruler of Ciskei, one of four nominally independent black homelands, endured an uncomfortable five hours yesterday in Pretoria, as R. F. "Pik" Botha. the South African foreign minister, made his independence even more nominal by giving him a dressing down, according to government

Diplomats had suggested before the meeting that such control as he had over the tiny state's armed forces would be curbed. In the event, there was no mention of that in the post-

meeting communique.

Even though the Ciskei

Defence Force has been largely run by South Africans on secondment from, or recently retired from the South African Defence Force (SADF), the little brigadier has been the ultimate chief, and accordingly has took the blame for the deaths of more than 30 African National Congress dem-onstrators outside his capital, Bisho, a week ago.

Last year Pretoria took control of his budget, complaining that their money was being recklessly mismanaged, and since then has controlled virtually every aspect of government there except the armed forces. Even now, the South Africans will not dismiss the brigadier who seized power in a bloodless coup in 1990.

political prisoners. Mr Meyer

said during a joint television

appearance on Sunday that

these matters could be settled,

but the government was not

prepared to negotiate on the basis of ANC demands. There

could be another damaging breakdown if neither side

The government is prepar-ing legislation to be presented to the special session of partia-

ment called for the middle of

October, which will enable Mr

de Klerk to create an interim

administration should this be

agreed with the black extra-

parliamentary opposition.

Under the present constitution cabinet members have to be

MPs. A small constitutional

amendment would enable

them to be drawn from the

non-parliamentary groups provided that they sought election within a limited

The government is also

preparing legislation to abol-ish the so-called "own affairs"

compromises.

The Ciskei Defence Force is commanded by Brigadier Marius Oelschig, who comes from South African military intelligence. The various chiefs of staff for finance, logistics and personnel also come from the SADF. The man in charge of the troops on the ground last Monday was Colonel Horst Schubesberger, an Austrian, who told a radio reporter in King William's

was "only obeying orders".

Brigadier Gqozo's defence
minister, Colonel Siphiwo
Pita, is the only minister remaining in office from the original military council set up after the 1990 coup.

Town at the weekend that he

The first talks to prepare for the summit between President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, were held yesterday morning. Roelf Meyer, the constitutional development minister met Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC secretary general, to try to resolve the difference over summit preconditions.

Mr Ramaphosa has declared that he expects some positive steps from the government on three items, the security of the migrant hostels, the carrying of traditional weapons, and the release of



Best foot forward: women shopping yester-day for shoes in the Afghan capital, Kabul, which is returning to normal as a peacekeeping force takes control. Aighans who fled the August fighting between govern-ment troops and the rebel Hezb-i-Islami

group are returning to the city, where a ceasefire is holding. Busloads of refugees arrive daily from Mazar-e Sharif in the north and Jalalahad in the east. "We came back because quietness has returned to Kabul," said one woman. (AFP)

Israel and Syria remain cautious

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

THE elusive goal of peace between Israel and Syria was set to dominate the sixth round of Middle East talks that resumed in Washington yesterday after a ten-day

Prospects for an agreement between the two neighbours are likely to overshadow simultaneous Israeli talks with Palestinians, Jordanians and Lebanese. Before the talks, Israel and Syria made separate announcements apparently designed to dampen expectations of a deal. Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, reiterated that Israel would not discuss returning the occupied Golan Heights until Syria showed that it wanted a full peace treaty, while Farouk al-Sharaa, the Syrian foreign minister, again rejected any talk of a partial solution short of the return of

the Golan. However, Israeli right-wing supporters and many Palestinians remained fearful of a separate peace deal similar to that signed between Egypt and Israel in 1979. Golan settlers have begun a cam-paign of demonstrations in Israel, and Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman. during a speech in Washington, accused Israel of trying to drive a wedge between the Arabs. "This is again another divide and conquer method," she claimed.

Yesterday Mr Rabin accused the Palestinians of skirting the key issue of the peace talks, that of interim self-rule for the 1.7 million Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "Our problem with the Palestinians is that they are trying to change the subject to less relevant matters," Mr Rabin said in Tel Aviv. He claimed Israel was ready to discuss human rights, arrests and house demolitions, but said these were mere "symptoms".

The Palestinians have hardened their position recently. claiming that proposals which would allow Israel to maintain jurisdiction over nearly 70 per cent of West Bank land are totally unacceptable.

• Islamic win: Islamic funda-

mentalists have won a majority in elections for the Egyptian lawyers' syndicate, it was announced vesterday. All 14 fundamentalist candidates won places on the 24-seat ruling council, a sign of their growing strength.

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Pakistan

FROM AFP

BENAZIR Bhutto, leader of Pakistan's opposition, accused

lages, crops and livestock.
The toll of victims has increased hourly and could exceed 2,000, even before the

sal", according to Nawaz Sharif. the prime minister of Pakistan, who announced a £26 million emergency aid plan for disaster zones. Thousands of villages have been inundated, bridges have been washed away, roads submerged and thousands of livestock have perished. Miss Bhutto forecast famine in the coming months following the loss of homes and fields by tens of thousands of farmers. ● London: Pakistani community associations in Britain have set up fundraising appeals and advice lines in response to the floods and asked Britain to increase its donation of £100,000 (Kate Alderson writes).

UN troops arrive to

food earmarked for two mil-

has authorised the deployment of 3,500 armed troops to Somalia, but only the initial 500-member Pakistani contingent has been approved by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid , the country's main

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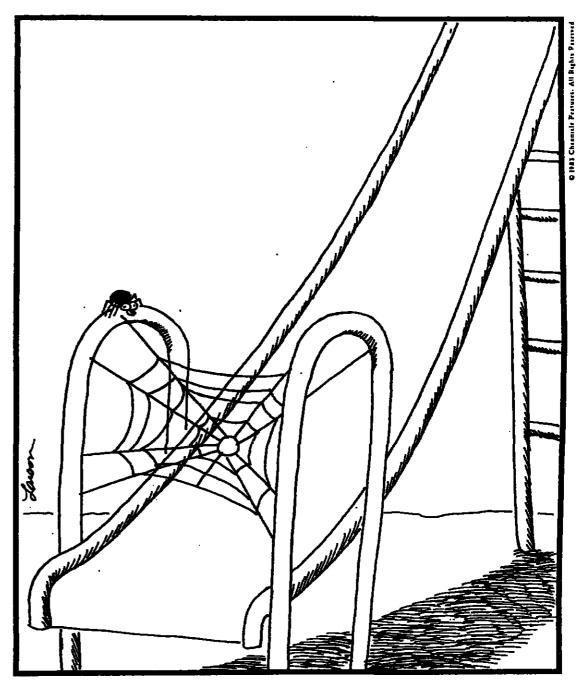
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accused of 'neglect'

IN ISLAMABAD

the government of "criminal neglect" yesterday as the worst floods this century spread southward, threatening vil-

waters reach the southern province of Sind, which was ravaged by floods in August. More than 1,000 people are dead in Kashmir and at least the same number are missing, according to official sources.

guard aid By DAVID WATTS FORTY armed United Nations troops, the first batch of 500 Pakistani soldiers, arrived

in Mogadishu yesterday to help prevent the looting of lion starving Somalis.

Their objective will be to restore order at Mogadishu's port. Ten thousand tonnes of

US sorghum has sat undelivered for two weeks in a dockside warehouse because a clan dispute has prevented aid workers from distributing it. On Sunday a Turkish cargo ship, carrying 6,500 tonnes of rice, beans and oil, finally offshore for ten days.
The UN Security Council

er, the British overseas development minister, witnessed the plight of Somali refugees in Kenyan camps. Tramping through scenes of human desolation in Mandera, and the nearby town of Majir, at the borders of Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya, she said: "What has happened out here

Moonlighting puts shine on economy

From Catherine Sampson in shanghai

Cai Guangtian handed over his double-sized namecard listing eight titles, including Honorary Citizen of California. Like one of Shanghai's pre-communist entrepreneurs, he boasted of his wealth, then hurried off to where he is happiest, the dance floor and the karaoke lounge. Since he retired nine

years ago. Mr Cai. now 69. has created an education empire, the private Qianjin college, relying entirely on moonlighting teachers for his staff. Starting out with about £20, the former mathematics teacher now has 25,000 students and is a millionaire.

In the past, the authorities have criticised Mr Cai for bypassing the state system. But since Deng Xiaoping. China's senior leader. gave his blessing earlier this year to private enterprise and moonlighting as ways to boost the economy, Mr Cai could be the face of the future.

tt's not just moonlighting often it's sunlighting for me, 100," an English teacher at Mr Cai's college said. His state school employers have not scheduled him to teach for one hour this term, leaving him free

Qianjin college. As an incentive, Mr Cai's teachers are paid according to the results of their students. The extra income means that they do not leave for more profitable careers as so many teachers have. The teacher pointed to the band playing for Mr Cai to twirl on the dance floor. They're moonlighting from the conservatory," he said.

I nder the state system, a teacher earns about as much as a factory worker - about £20 a month. An estimated 20 per cent of China's office and factory workers are surplus to requirements. leaders called for radical reforms, which mean streamlining bureaucracies and laying off millions of people. But mass unem-

ployment is a recipe for social unrest. Rather than sacking workers, bosses let it be known that they would not mind if staff did not turn up for work. An employee who does no work cannot expect to get a bonus, but he will get most of his wage and benefits like housing. The workforce is streamlined, the employer saves some money, staff are happy, and the black economy booms.

Regicide in Russia

Daniel Johnson on the grim task of identifying the last of the Romanovs

t sounds like the plot of a Wexford or Morse crime novel. An unsolved murder case resurfaces: 74 years after the crime, the bodies are finally found. Today a Russian scientist arrives in Britain with an attache case full of bones. bound for the Home Office forensic laboratories at Aldermaston. These bones are almost certainly the remains of Nicholas II, the last Romanov tsar, and eight other members of his family and entourage whom the Bolsheviks shot or bayoneted to death at Yekaterinburg on July 16, 1918.

By comparing the bones with DNA samples from living relatives, including members of the British royal family, a definitive identification will be possible. There can be no trial. The murderers and their masters escaped human justice a long time ago, including the man who was probably the guiltiest of all: Vladimir Ilyich Lenin.

or many years, the Soviet authorities shielded Lenin from direct complicity, and even Gorbachev protested his allegiance until his fall. But recent post-perestroika literature, such as Edvard Radzinsky's The Last Tsar, leaves little room for doubt that Lenin personally authorised the "liquidation" of a family which in 1918 was still a threat to the revolution.

Regicide is no ordinary crime: it cries out not merely for vengeance — though regicides have often been pursued beyond the grave: remember Cromwell's exhumed corpse hung from a gibbet— but for expiation. A nation which has permitted its "little father", his wife and children to be massacred must somehow make amends. The fact that Russians never mourned their royal family before could explain this year's wave of scholarly and sentimental interest in the Romanov dynasty.

Victims of regicide are commonly accorded informal canonisation. Charles I was turned into a kind of baroque saint within weeks of his execution, helped by the publication of his apologia, Eikon Basilike. There were 35 editions in 1649 alone. In the case of Louis XVI, the cult focused on his wife Marie Antoinette, and began long before either was executed: witness Burke's famous passage about her in his Reflections: "I thought ten thousand swords must have leaped from their scabbards to avenge even a look that threatened her with insult. But the age of chivalry is gone." The deposed queen wept as she read

Yekaterinburg was butchery, with the bodies buried in an unmarked grave, neither pomp nor dignity; not even a crowd to jeer at the "widow Capet". Like Hitler, who took revenge on the families of conspirators after the July plot, the Bolsheviks believed in Sippenhaft, blood guilt, slaughtering as many of the tsar's family as they could lay their hands on.

The last tsar was typical of his time and class. Like Charles I and Louis XVI, Nicholas II was not a brilliant man. His diaries are famously banal. He was also narrow-minded. When he stayed at Sandringham in 1894 while still isarevich, he wrote to his mother to complain that the Prince of Wales's house party was "rather strange. Most of them were horse dealers, amongst others a Baron Hirsch!" Hirsch was one of the prince's many Jewish friends, which Nicholas found bizarre.

Nicholas's tragedy was that he never exerted his power when it mattered. Kaiser Wilhelm II told Woodrow Wilson's envoy in 1916: "I and my cousins George and Nicholas will make peace when the time comes." When the time came, both emperors had fallen. The conventional wisdom is that neither man could have made much difference. Yet in August 1945 another emperor weighed down by convention, Hirohito, was decisive. Nicholas could have made a better peace up to March 1917 than Lenin and Trotsky did at Brest-Litovsk, and would have saved his throne. None of this matters now, except to historians. The Russians will have the Nicholas they need, whether the last tsar is buried where he died or in St Petersburg. All the resources of modern genetic science are being deployed to authenticate remains which may then, after a decent Christian burial, join the royal bones that have been revered by the pious since prehistoric

In dodging the draft, Clinton and Quayle were typical of middle-class students in the Sixties, says Janet Daley

an Quayle and Bill Clinton may be ducking and diving to avoid what has now become a liability but when I was an undergraduate at Berkeley in the Sixnes, dodging the draft was a provid way of life. the draft was a proud way of life. To have gone willingly to war would have been the shaming option. And this was not only the view at Berkeley, where we were inventing what would become the international student lifestyle of politics, pot and promiscuity. It was the coventional moral wisdom among the thinking classes of America that, whatever your general views on pacificism, the war which the United States was waging in Vietnam was, in the fashionable pejorative of the

time, "obscene". There was scarcely a pro-war commentator who was taken seriously by the intelligentsia. Interpretations of the military intervention in Vietnam ranged from pragmatic regret ("unwin-nable and wasteful") to the apocalyptic ("imperialist geno-cide"). But whatever the colour of

No stomach for a fight

your moral outrage, the conclusion was inevitable. This was a war in which it was unforgivable to fight. The landmarks of our youth were mass demonstrations against the war and in favour of civil rights. The two issues were linked then only by the sentiments of the participants; later the link would prove ironically apt as a huge disproportion of those who died in Vietnam were black. Draft cards were ceremo-nially burnt — a federal offence - and recanting Vietnam veterans publicly threw away their medals in disgust.

But the exhibitionist anguish of undergraduates was a luxury. The United States may idealise militarism as part of its revolutionary heritage, but it believes even more unequivocally in the value of higher education. So the

question was to be a student. As a consequence even larger numbers of my fellow countrymen than usual developed a passionate desire to go to university and, having got there, to remain as long as possible. Since the academic authorities were themselves sympathetic to this pretext, they obliged whenever possible with postgraduate places and teaching assistantships which made possible the pursuance of

Away from the campuses with their ritual clashes with police which dominated the home newspaper coverage, the kids from the inner cities for whom university was never on the cards, were being sent to Viet-nam. Middle-class offspring were indulging their moral con-science while working-class ones were dying and being maimed, both physically and spiritually, in a hopeless and unpopular war. The overwhelmingly working-

class character of the American

army in Vietnam has been captured with unflinching accuracy in post-war "guilt" cinema. Films like Apocalypse Now and Born on the Fourth of July were shocking not only because they were vividly anti-war but because of the way they depicted the social make-up of America's fighting force in Southeast Asia.

The war dragged on, destroying the political credibility of presidents and decimating the fabric of family relations. What to do when you were finally turfed out of college became the dilemma as the late Sixties arrived and there was still no end

in sight. I can recall a postgradu-

ate philosophy student agonising

entious objector. While opposed to fighting in Vietnam, he would not have objected to fighting Hitler, so could be legitimately call himself a pacifist? We debated this far into the night, finally concluding that to stretch the truth might be unethical, but it was morally preferable to spray-

ing peasants with napalm.

Responsive to market forces as

always, the United States soon

had a growth industry in avoid-ing the draft. Self-help books gave a point-by-point guide to the regulations and their loopholes. Guides for following the well-worn paths to Canada and Scandinavia were circulated.

The rich and well-connected

never had to flee. Like one J. Danforth Quayle, they could rely on strings being pulled by

bound sinecure for the duration. Bill Clinton, to my purely impressionistic eye, seems to have been a case of Sixties sensibility: going to Oxford on a fellowship. smoking the occasional joint, he seems fairly typical of what the thoughtful young of his generation saw as the right priorities.

That he would, if at all possible, have avoided fighting in Vietnam is almost axiomatic.

But that was in a more innocent age when what Ameri-cans meant by moral conflict was the arguments that you had with your parents. We know now that there were whole sections of the population for whom such debate was far too academic, in every sense. And among the bitter realisations is the discrepancy between what happened to the boys from the poor cities, and to the ones from the affluent suburbs in the débacle that was Vietnam. What is rebounding on Dan Quayle and Bill Clinton is not that they were wrong in their youth but that they had the luxury to be right.

The political price of the pound

A run of good luck is needed

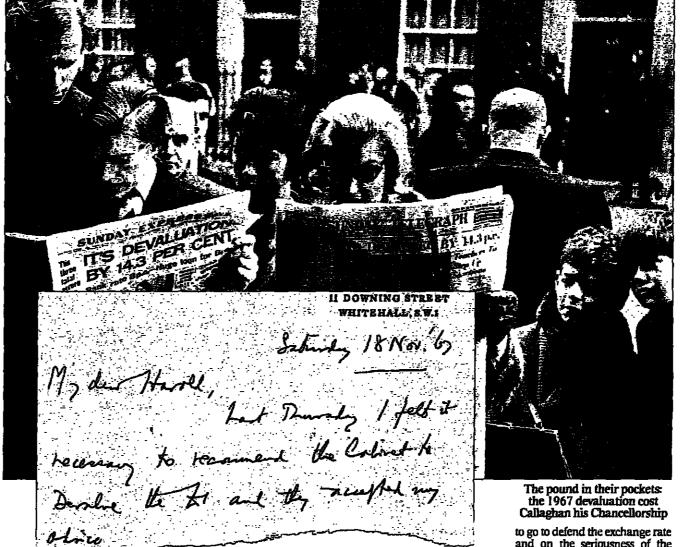
to save the

Chancellor, says **Peter Riddell**

ith one bound the beleaguered Chancellor of the Exchequite. Yesterday's gyrations in the financial markets show that Norman Lamont and John Major have not yet escaped their predicament over the exchange rate mechanism (ERM), for all Downing Street's claims about a turning point. Each step by the government over the past few weeks — Mr Lamont's doorstep statement, the huge international loan, Mr Major's unequivocal rejection last Thursday of devaluation and the coordinated actions of Sunday night — has committed the prime minister and the Chancellor even more firmly to maintaining sterling's current parity. By comparison, Margaret Thatcher's "there is no alternative" refrain of the early 1980s seems like a malleable

Any further ERM realignment involving sterling would be a big defeat for Mr Major and Mr Lamont, as devaluation was for Harold Wilson and James Callaghan in 1967. Their political credibility would be seriously damaged, and Mr_Lamont might have to leave the Treasury. However, yesterday's reduction in German interest rates, while smaller than hoped and not permitting an immediate cut in British rates, should give him a little breathing space.

At present, Mr Lamont is in the familiar position of earlier Chancellors trying to defend a fixed exchange rate band. Contrary to some recent discussion, failure is not inevitable. Between the Second World War and the breakdown of the Bretton Woods system of fixed rates in the early 1970s, there were only two



devaluations, in 1949 and 1967, both after long periods of trying to maintain existing parities. In 1967, James Callaghan regarded the eventual devaluation as such a defeat for this policy that he decided to resign as Chancellor. On several other occasions, though, Chancellors as diverse as R.A. Butler, Harold Macmillan and Selwyn Lloyd successfully defended the pound's exchange rate via international loans, higher interest rates and coordinated central bank action of the

kind seen in the past few weeks. Moreover, the floating rate regime of the 1970s and 1980s did not prevent frequent sterling crises. Like his predecessors. Mr Lamont has depended on a mixture of resolution, cunning, and luck. He has shown plenty of the first two, surprising the markets both with the loan to bolster sterling and with Sun-day's moves. But he has so far had little luck. He took over as Chancellor shortly after the decision had been taken by Mr

Major to join the ERM, largely for political reasons, even though Treasury officials feared the timing was wrong, given the state of the economy. Mr Lamont's 22 months as Chancellor have been marked by a much longer recession than anyone feared, and by the strains on the ERM resulting from German unification.

There is, in practice, only a limited amount a Chancellor can do. The outcome depends both on how far financial markets believe governments are willing

support the lira. The difficulty, as now, is that after each option is exercised, a subsequent devaluation looks even more like a damaging political defeat.

The underlying difficulties contributing to the recent pressures for sterling have not really changed. Yesterday's action by the Bundesbank was a gesture rather than a basic change in policy. For all the government's attempt to deny that there is a "sterling crisis", the British economy remains weak with no sign of an upturn before next year.

Mr Lamont's dilemma now is that he has used up most, though not all, his available options. If pressures on sterling develop again, then after say the French vote on the Maastricht treaty next Sunday, the main available action would to be raise interest rates. Senior ministers and advisers to Mr Major stress that the prime minister is willing to take that step if it is the only way to

The relationship between the prime minister and the Chancellor is crucial to the unity of the goverriment, and there are no divisions between the two on this matter. Whatever private doubts some ministers might have about avoiding an eventual realignment involving sterling. there is also no debate or dissent within the Cabinet on the issue. Nor is there any possibility of a challenge by Tory MPs on economic policy. The main impact may be to strengthen the hands of the Euro-sceptics who oppose ratification of the Maastricht treaty. A further complication is that, simultaneously, the government faces very difficult decisions on public spending. requiring cuts in some departments' future budgets.

At last Thursday's Cabinet meeting. Mr Major made a point of praising Mr Lamont's handling of sterling, producing vocal, if predictable, assent from other ministers. They know they are all in the same boat. Mr Major and Mr Lamont have to do much more than satisfy the cabinet. They face worried Tory activists in a month's time.

...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

ontinuing our serialisation of C*c*l P*rk*ns*n's utterly / frank and candid autobiography, My Life As a Senior Figure Working in a Prominent Capacity in a Significant Pos-ition (Weidenfeld, £18.99):

Chapter 6: In which I disagree Contrary to popular opinion, Margaret admired those of us who stood up to her. I well remember one occasion when we crossed swords. It was just three days after I had received a rapturous reception at an important speaking engagement at a location in the South East. The other members of the Cabinet had left the room, and as so often happened the two of us -Margaret and myself - proceed-ed to get on with the real business of government. Margaret suggested a major reform of a particular area of public life. "You do agree with me, don't

you?" she added. In fact I did not, and I was not afraid to tell her so fairly and squarely to her face. "Frankly, Margaret, I would by no means go so far as to say that I entirely disagreed," I said, in no uncertain terms. I then looked her straight in the feet, took a deep breath, stuck my heels in and added, calmly but fairly, "In fact, quite the opposite". I emerged from that meeting having increased her respect and admiration for me. Later in the day, I opened a postbag containing thousands of letters, all but a handful tremendously supportive of my decision to wear a lighter

blue stripe in my shirt over the warmer summer months.

Chapter 7: In which I describe in vivid detail an important meet-ing with a major political figure sometime in the Seventies or

At some point during the Seven-ties or subsequent Eighties, I had an important meeting with a major political figure. He or she informed me through a close colleague that there was a matter of great importance they had to discuss with me. We met and discussed the matter at some length. It was an important meeting, and I can now reveal that I came away from it feeling convinced that I had been talking on a topic of great importance to a

prominent political figure.

Later that day, I received a standing ovation from an enthusiastic audience after making a speech on a particular matter of political importance.

Chapter S: In which I reveal all about the large cloud that loomed on the horizon At around this stage of my career, a large cloud began to loom large on the horizon. One day, I took the decision to speak in private with a particular colleague or

"I have to tell you," I said, quite openly, "that there is a large cloud that is beginning to loom large on my horizon."

He, she or they then turned to me, and said: "What sort of

colleagues.

"A large cloud," I said. "And where is it?"

"i'll be frank," I said. "It's on

the horizon." We then resumed talking about other matters of importance. In the press the next day, I was relieved to see that there was not a word about clouds or even horizons. I have always been grateful to the person or persons concerned for such discretion. That evening, I wrote myself an enthusiastic memo welcoming my decision to confront the large cloud

Chapter 9: In which I confront the Party Conference It was to be one of the most difficult speeches of my political life. Once again, I chose to confront the issue head-on."l am here today," I said, "in my capacity as a man who is speaking to you from this platform here today. I would not be speaking to you here today if I was elsewhere. And, let's make no bones about it. you would not be listening to me today if you were elsewhere. But we are not. We are all here. Let us never forget that. Let us look to the future without forgetting the past. And - perhaps just as important in the years to come let us never forget the past when looking to the future. Finally, let us never ever underestimate the importance of the present." Needless to say, the response of the audience was deafening: at one point, it even seemed as if they might be about to applaud. Later that day. I opened hundreds of admiring letters, a gratifying and quite unexpected response to an

afternoon spent, with customary

response was typical of the discontinuous

industry, writing them.

Harold, Jim, John and Norm

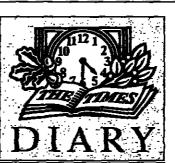
WHETHER AS tragedy or farce. history is set to repeat itself, according to the historian Ben Pimlott, who has just completed his definitive study of Harold Wilson and the 1967 sterling crisis. The similarities, down to the very phrases used by Wilson and his chancellor James Callaghan when the pound was last devalued a quarter of a century ago, are uncanny, according to Pimlott, whose biography Harold Wilson is

to be published this autumn. Then, as now, Downing Street ruled out devaluation, ensuring that the subject dominated all emnomic debate. "Once Wilson had staked his reputation it became harder to change his mind," Pimlott says. 'The wish not to sacrifice honour and credibility became one of the biggest obstacles

to a change of course."

Like Wilson, Pimlott says, Major has busily closed off all alternatives. As a result the prime minister's words, in both cases, ensured that national and personal pride became inextricably bound up with what is essentially a technical decision. Callaghan became the scapegoat as he was left to defend the policy, most famously in a no confidence debate in July 1967.

"Devaluation talk has become modish among theoretical economists... but it could become dangerous if listened to abroad." Callaghan said, adding that its proponents had taken a "flight from reality". Labour rebels de-manding devaluation were "good men fallen among bad economists". He could almost have been John Smith talking about Bryan Gould today. Less than four months later the pound was



"It looks ominously like 1967," Pimlott said yesterday. "Politicians inexorably dig their own graves and as a historian I have to say history looks like repeating itself." If Pimlott is right, the seque could be equally interesting. Upon devaluation in November 1967. Callaghan resigned "on a point of honour" but took the considerable consolation prize of home secretary. If Major is forced to devalue - and Pimlott believes it is "when" rather than "if" - Norman Lamont's

Treasury position begins to look equally untenable. After all it was only six weeks ago that he insisted: "Devaluation is fool's gold. Other countries within the ERM are not prepared to sacrifice the hard-won credibility of their currencies by devaluing them. Nor are we." Try telling that to the Italians.

■ Not everyone in the Tory party seems to think David Mellor can survive. The Central Office guide to events at next month's party conference at Brighton, is published tomorrow and lists a meeting organised by the Tory parliamentary tourism committee to be addressed by "the Secretary of State for National Heritage, Robert Key". A prediction that by next month Mellor's deputy will have taken over his job or simply a good old cock-up? Central Office, which produced the guide, isn't saying.

Serbian snub

THE good folk of Cardiff are taking sanctions against Serbia very seriously. So incensed are the city elders by the Bosnian bloodbath that they have cancelled an appearance later this month by the Belgrade String Orchestra, perhaps the most prominent ensemble to to have survived the collapse of

underlying economic difficulties.

It does not matter much what

Chancellors say: indeed, any-thing can be harmful, and costly

to the reserves, as Lord Calla-

ghan found when he had to

answer Commons questions a

few days before the 1967 devalu-

ation. What matters is actions

and governments can run out of

Temporary borrowings can be depleted, as happened in 1949, 1967 and 1976; and interest

rates can be raised. But neither

may be sufficient, as the Italian

government discovered last week

after the Bundesbank had to

Yugoslavia.
Michael Tearle, organiser of the Cardiff festival, says. The DTI said this was a borderline case, but it has been decided that we cannot permit the performance to take

Welsh music lovers will be de-

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nied not only Mozart, Shostakovich and Elgar but the first British performance of a work by the Serbian composer Katarina Miljkovic. The orchestra has written to register its "dismay", saying it always believed Britain to stand for the greater freedom so long denied in its own country.

Who, me?

NOT only the critics were caught on the hop by the Booker shortlist last week. No one was taken more next month.

by surprise than Michèle Roberts, the only woman among the au-thors making it through to the last six. Indeed until she returned from holiday in France over the weekend the author of Daughters of the House did not even know of her success in making it to the last

"We were on the the cross channel ferry where my husband managed to buy a British newspaper," she says. "He saw a cartoon in one of the papers which showed a lot of men in flat caps at the bookies, one of whom was reading my book. I was asleep and he woke me up to say he thought I must be on the

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shortlist".
Roberts still did not believe it and only after a swift round-up of the other British papers on board did the truth sink in. "We had a large gin and ronic," she says. "But since then it's been hyper-normal I've been cleaning the oven and having my study redecorated." She will not, however, be losing any sleep between now and October 13 wondering if she can carry off the top prize. Yesterday she confessed she was happily ignorant even of the date of the award ceremony.

 There is a corner of Eton that will be forever Zimbabwe. Three acres of Queen's Eyot, the island the college owns in the Thames, are to be turned into a sculpture park for displaying works by the Shona of Zimbabwe. College bursar Roderick Watson says: "We wanted a sculpture park but we were worried about the security of the sculptures. Queen's Eyot is ideal since it is an island and we have keepers living there. Previously the island has been used only by Old Etonians. rowing downstream from the college to picnic there. Nicholas Bayldon-Pritchard of the Contem-porary Fine Art Gallery, is off to Zimbabwe to collect the 30 statues

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LESSONS OF REALIGNMENT

If the devaluation of the lira and slight easing of German interest rates have shown anything, it is that the European exchangerate mechanism cannot continue with its currencies bound together with uniform lengths of manacle like prisoners in a chain gang. When one prisoner trips, the others invariably stumble in his wake. So it is with a system of fixed exchange rates.

Some langing

In the two years since reunification, the German economy has faltered and the other 11 members of the system have lost their balance too because of their self-denying insistence on avoiding realignments. Free currencies would be best. Sunday's realignment, the first for five years, should, at least, act as the trigger for a return to the old, more flexible system in which parities were not maintained against economic common sense simply as a form of machismo.

If the ERM is to survive, whether the French vote yes or no in their referendum, it will have to adopt this more flexible mould. Now that the Italians have devalued, currency traders simply will not believe that Sunday's realignment is the last. If this means that the next devaluation will be of sterling, the most vulnerable currency in the system, so be it.

The weekend politicking has also at last put the lie to the notion that the German Bundesbank is independent from government. The bank had said as recently as last week that it did not want to cut interest rates because domestic conditions did not justify a loosening of monetary policy. The reduction, albeit reluctant and parsimonious, was a reaction both to pressure from the German government and to the currency market intervention by other countries which was threatening to play havoc with Germany's money supply.

Those who lament the Bundesbank's lost independence, such as the Liberal Democrats and City financiers who call for an independent Bank of England, are misguided. True, politicians try to manipulate their economies for electoral ends. But they

are conspicuously unsuccessful; witness both John Major and George Bush fighting elections in the middle of a recession. The great disadvantage of a so-called independent central bank is that politicians can get away with mismanagement of economic

Germany and America are usually held up as peerless examples of economies run by high-minded central bankers untainted by political influence. The history of the past 15 years in both countries shows otherwise. Governments blame central banks for keeping interest rates higher than politics would dictate. The banks claim high interest rates are necessary because the government is playing fast and loose with public spending. Each then tries to compensate for the other's perceived sins: interest rates stay punitive, while the deficit widens.

If both monetary and fiscal policy are under the control of one authority, they can be used to reinforce rather than compete with each other. Governments can cut interest rates and tighten public spending at the same time. Of course politicians will sometimes make bad decisions, but that is their prerogative: at least they can be thrown out of office, unlike unaccountable central bankers.

Here lies a lesson for post-Maastricht Europe. Even if the French vote yes on Sunday, the stirrings of unease with the treaty will have to be addressed. The Bundesbank's obsession with reducing inflation at the expense of growth and prosperity. and its only grudging response to pressure from politicians, are merely a foretaste of what life would be like under European monetary union with an independent central bank. Most Europeans would not be prepared to see their economies in prolonged recession for the sake of the odd percentage point off the rate of inflation. Their preferences should count with those appointed to run economic policy. In the present treaty, such accountability is sadly

TEACHERS' PIPEDREAMS

Union pay claims often have more to do with internal politics than expectation of success. So it is with the National Union of Teachers' optimistic pitch for a 16.5 per cent rise, submitted yesterday to Sir Graham Day's review body. Teachers in the classroom know that the figure is unattainable, but the activists who expose the union to ridicule every Easter expect nothing less. The NUT's leaders dare not risk one of the other five teachers' organisations showing more ambition for its members.

Doug McAvoy, the NUT's general secretary, gave the game away in his comments on yesterday's claim. "The government will tell us that now in the middle of recession it is not the right time to increase investment in the service." Indeed it will, and quite rightly so, if this means raising pay at four times the rate of inflation. Teachers have done relatively well in the past two pay rounds, staffing shortages have practically disappeared from schools, and recruitment to the profession is buoyant. Market forces are certainly not on the NUT's side.

Like other public servants, teachers have also been insulated from the worst effects of the recession on job security. Even given the pressures of budget cuts and local management, teachers' prospects cannot be compared with a precarious existence in the private sector. The government is entitled to ask them to make some sacrifice in return.

Fortunately for the teachers, however, not all the omens are unfavourable. John Major has a longstanding commitment to raising their status, and the pay review body (which the NUT still opposes) may offer some escape from the more rigid restrictions facing other public servants. Even before his election as prime minister was secured, Mr Major said, "What I want to achieve is a position where the man in the woolly sweater and the battered sedan and the grimy house at the corner of the street is not the local teacher."

There is good reason to pursue such an ideal if the government is serious about its education reforms. The teaching profession will not hold the attractions it does today when economic recovery opens up other employment opportunities. Schools must be able to hold on to their best staff, and this will not be easy if they are held to a uniform 2 per cent pay rise when morale is already low. There are some highly desirable aspirations in the NUT's claim: teachers do need free time to prepare lessons, and class sizes are too large in many parts of the country. But to expect to achieve them in a recession, while also securing excessive pay rises, is simply irresponsible. In the current economic climate, the first result of accepting the union's claim would be to make thousands of its members redundant.

Only by accepting performance-related pay can teachers hope to move up the pay league. To pretend that all 400,000 teachers are worth identical rises, or that there is no way of telling the good from the poor, is a fiction that few other groups still cling to. Pupils have always been able to identify the best teachers, as has any decent head of department. A system that rewards excellence in the classroom, and not just a willingness to take on extra duties, is long

John Patten, the education secretary, has given the review body a clear indication of the type of arrangements he wants, and will make a more detailed submission later this week. He has ruled out a return to the invidious system of payment by results, and has asked Sir Graham to put more power into the hands of head teachers. Schools are eminently capable of devising pay structures that protect the living standards of all staff while rewarding the best. They must be given as much freedom as possible if the government's devolution of responsibility is to add up to anything more than rhetoric.

DOWN WITH ST CAKE'S

Only in Britain could there be a self-help group for those scarred by boarding school. In most other countries, only bad or unfortunate children are sent away from home at a tender age. Only those already deemed ripe for social working are locked up by strangers in a communal barracks, forced to sleep in expensive dormitories, kept ever ready to fag (an English term that alarms Americans) and be bullied and flogged.

But in Britain, from the Renaissance onwards, foreign visitors have remarked on the strange native custom of sending ordinary well-behaved children away from home as soon as possible, originally to court or the household of the local magnate, and then to the public schools — another English phrase that puzzles foreigners. They usually conclude that the English prefer their animals to their children.

By the accidents of history and national idiosyncrasy, the boarding school plays a unique role in English history and literature. Boarding-school discipline is said to inculcate typical English virtues, ranging from the stiff upper lip to the thin red line, and including that most potent of all networks, the old school tie. From Tom Brown's Schooldays to Daisy Pulls it Off, the boarding school is the source of the unique English Bildungsroman; and millions of children who had no prospect of being sent to boarding school assimilated its ethos from fictional establishments such as comic Greyfriars and St Trinian's or St Chad's.

English institutions from construe to prefects and tuck-shops, and from cold baths, muscular Christianity and cricket (and rugby) to playing up, playing up, and

playing the game like English gentlemen rather than playing to win, grew directly from the boarding schools. When the Duke of Wellington asserted (if he did) that the battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton, he was perhaps referring to the bloody bare-fist fights that used to take place behind the Fives courts, and hardened his lieutenants to hard pounding.
But if the French bullets did not get them.

their earlier experiences almost certainly did - or so argue those running the recovery programme described on our news pages today. Self-help therapy is supposed to stop those who might otherwise end up like Captain L. E. G. Oates (Etonian, of course). walking out into the Antarctic blizzard saying he might be gone some time.

Along with its triumphalism, the English have often before now creatively recognised the down side of boarding school, from Dotheboys Hall to Captain Grimes and If. There have always been children who have persuaded themselves that they were wretchedly unhappy at school, whether boarding or day, and there always will be.

The latest group, Boarding School Survivors, for men who feel emotionally scarred by the allegedly happiest days of their lives, meet in London to confess their miseries and chips, and to re-enact their past with photographs of schooldays. It may sound what public school boys would call "wet". It is a sign of the potency of boarding-school values that when Margaret Thatcher, no Cheltenham Lady she, wanted an epithet to describe her opponents in the Tory party, she reached for that classic of boarding-school slang. But at least it could only happen here.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Medical insurance under scrutiny

From Mr George Foster

Sir, Anyone reading the report on medical fees and a possible "cartel" (September 9) could be forgiven for being puzzled as to where the cartel actually existed.

In private health care today we are in a position where the largest health insurance company (Bupa) owns over 50 per cent of the private hospitals in the United Kingdom. It is thus in a position to set the rates that these hospitals charge and these are fol-lowed broadly by the majority of other private hospital companies.

This large health insurance company then issues guidelines on fees to which the overwhelming majority of consultants adhere and completes the circle by controlling the subscriptions from its customers seeking private health insurance cover.

Thus, if a cartel does exist it is amongst the medical insurance companies and certainly not amongst the medical profession, but I am sure the majority of my colleagues are like myself, in that we are happy to comply as we do not like to feel our patients are out of pocket when they seek their private treatment; a situation that does not seem to pertain when I try to claim on either my house or my car insurance policies.

Yours faithfully, G. E. FOSTER (Consultant surgeon), Grosvenor Nuffield Hospital, Wrexham Road, Chester. September 9.

From Mr P. A. Ring

Sir, A newly-appointed consultant to the NHS in a clinical specialty rapidly finds that he can fill two or three sessions in the local private hospital undertaking work that is generated primarily by the existence of the hospital rather than his own particular professional reputation.

Clearly there is a need to change the contractual arrangements of such appointments. A system in which fees earned in private practice revert to the primary employing authority, i.e., the local district, is one that some academic institutions, particularly abroad, have used, and has some merit in overall funding, but is

unlikely to find general acceptance within the profession.

It would be more realistic to acknowledge that in any clinical consultant appointment some sessions would be spent in the private hospital and that these sessions would be paid at a fixed rate, somewhat higher than that which the health service offers.

Yours faithfully, P. A. RING (Consultant orthopaedic surgeon). Gatwick Park Hospital, Povey Cross Road, Horley, Surrey.

From Sir Christopher Pinsent

September 9.

Sir. Your health services correspondents' report (September 9) quoted a medical insurance spokesman as saying that the pricing of procedures was done by the British Medical Association alone, without assistance from the insurance companies.

Is this perhaps but the visible top of an iceberg, beneath which is the fact that medical insurance, whether private or national, is more or less effectively controlled not by the subscribers but by the orthodox medical profession itself?

If this were not the case, subscribers would be covered for a number of other proven and economical arts of healing such as chiropractics and acupuncture.

Most of us admire engine drivers. But that did not prevent us in the past from observing that the noble Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen appeared to be holding the nation to ransom.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER PINSENT, The Chestnuts, Castle Hill, Guildford, Surrey. September 10.

From Ms Angela Minoli

Sir. I once enquired of my sister, who lives in Canada, how soon she needed to have a forthcoming operation. She replied: "Certainly before the end of my surgeon's financial year!"

Yours faithfully, ANGELA MINOLI, 184 Llandaff Road,

Housing needs in the countryside

From Mr Clive Aslet

Sir. It is wrong to blame newcomers for obstructing economic development in the countryside (leading article, September 10). Of course they want to prevent new construction when they can be sure the result will be miserably inappropriate to the sur-roundings. The fault lies not with them but with some of the threadbare ideas that govern planning.

On the whole, the planning system has been effective in preventing the worst excesses of development in our countryside, which remains the most beautiful in the world. Unfortunately, the quality of the development which gets through the net is for the most part atrocious.

Britain's top architects build almost exclusively in cities. The efforts of most speculative house builders and other developers display an impoverishment of imagination that is the shame of Britain.

Recently there have been signs that a different kind of country architecture

one worthy of the name — is possible. But the planning system, remorselessly suburbanising as it is, continues to encourage all the wrong forms of development, while putting rational development beyond hope of achievement. Fresh thinking by the Department of the Environment would help produce buildings that even some hardened Nimby-ists might like. Higher standards would begin to overcome the passionate opposition to change presently felt not just by newcomers, but established country dwellers too.

Yours faithfully, CLIVE ASLET (Editor designate), Country Life. King's Reach Tower. Starnford Street, SE1. September 10.

From Mr Phil Turner

Sir, The Duke of Westminster and his colleagues (report, September 10) are to be congratulated for drawing attention to the increasingly serious problems facing our rural areas and in particular the need for appropriate, affordable housing.

The shortage can be remedied only

assessment. If the launch of the GCSE

had been accompanied by less official

euphoria, there would be less alarm

about the present criticisms. No

Sir, Mr Leiwy (letter, September 14)

falls into a common logical trap. The

general cannot be proved, or dis-

proved, by the particular. My evidence

However, in exams in science and

system represents a panacea.

DOMINIC MILROY,

From Mr Joe Ruston

Ampleforth College, York.

Yours faithfully,

Pontcanna, Cardiff.

On the record From Mr Richard Noble

Sir, Your September 7 issue carries both a report ("Campbell aims for record") and a leading article ("Record addiction") on the attempt which Don Wales plans to make on a eed record in an electric car. following facts may help to put this story in perspective.

1. Up to £2 million is a lot to spend on a small electric car targeted at achieving a 275mph class record. The American driver, Al Teague, has just reached 410mph with a singleengine, wheel-driven car, funded solely on his limited personal resources. We, the Thrust Team, spent about £1 million over nine years achieving the current world land speed record in 1983.

2. 275mph on salt is considered neither fast nor dangerous these days. Assuming a competently designed and built car, the risk is marginally greater than driving at legal speeds on a motorway.

3. The British media appear to be obsessed with the Campbell name. Interestingly, recent land speed record drivers, Breedlove, Arfons, Teague and myself, were all influenced far more by the outstanding achievements of John Cobb. who was never interested in personal publicity.

Sensibly, Don Wales is out to create his own name and identity. I wish him every success and would like to offer him any help, if ever he needs it.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD NOBLE. 56 Ormand Avenue. Hampton, Middlesex.

Stuck for a song

From Mr Malcolm Penny Sir, I agree with Mr Michael Howells

(letter, August 31) that the British are sadly short of a repentoire when it comes to singing in public (other letters. September 5, 11, 12). However, after many years of singing in pubs with my small country band I can recommend the following titles as those of which people will at least join in the chorus: "Cockles and mussels". "Come

landlord fill the flowing bowl". "Any old iron?", "The drunken sailor "The wild rover" (our most requested number), "Clementine". "My old man said follow the van". "Daisy. Daisy", "Blow the man down". and "Waltzing Matilda". They may not be traditional in the

strictest sense, but they are songs in English which people feel they know. To finish the evening, we play "Pack up your troubles", "Show me the way to go home". "Irene, good-night", "Tipperary", and "Goodnight

I remain, Sir. your truly. MALCOLM PENNY (The Wickwar Ceilidh Band). The Stables, Dilham, Norfolk.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -071-782 5046.

Education standards From the Chairman of the

Headmasters' Conference Sir, What could have been a construc-

tive discussion on GCSE standards (letters and leading article, September 7) has been polarised and exag-

It has been apparent, ever since the examination was introduced, that standards in some areas have fallen (this was already happening to some O levels): that the standards of some examination boards are higher than those of others (as was the case for O levels); and that the gap between GCSE and A level can present problems.

other areas standards have held up well, that the courses have been demanding and imaginative (both for teachers and for pupils); that the results achieved have been well earned; and that good teaching can continue to ensure a successful transfer to an increasingly wide variety of post-GCSE courses.

Standards always need reviewing. So do systems of examination and

of declining standards in A-level physics (September 7) was not intended to apply to all subjects.

mathematics the level of difficulty is It has been equally apparent that in generally set by the question rather than, as may be the case in history, by the answer. Consider: "Find a value of x that satisfies the equation 4 = 2 - x." This is a question that can only be answered at one (not very high) level of difficulty.

JOE RUSTON (Director), Mander Portman Woodward. 24 Elvaston Place, SW7. volley of announcements that "it is an

Yours faithfully.

Smoking on trains From the Vice-Chairman of the

Royal Bank of Scotland Sir, I am a banker, I am also a fervent

cigarette smoker. Faced with the necessity last Saturday to make a journey by rail from Nottingham to Birmingham I therefore took particular pains to reserve a seat in a smoking area of the coach. After 25 minutes or so we arrived at

Derby, to be advised that this train was being withdrawn from service and we should therefore transfer to another, where I found no "smoking seats" were available. The only seats unoccupied belied any suggestion that smokers are primarily responsible for the filthy state of our trains.

When we eventually arrived at Birmingham New Street - one hour late on a journey scheduled to take one hour in total - it was to be met by a

offence to smoke in New Street station". Squeezed in between these announcements was another brief message telling me that my connecting train to Birmingham airport would be delayed. Time apparently did not permit the announcer to tell us by how long. I gave up in disgust and took a taxi.

As I settled down with my cigarette, the question uppermost in my mind was why, with such rich pickings available, the press finds it necessary to devote so many column inches to the quality of service provided by our

Yours faithfully, CHARLES WINTER, Vice-Chairman, Royal Bank of Scotland, PO Box 31, 42 St Andrew Square. Edinburgh. September 8.

Controlling squirrels

From Mr Alan Morriss

Sir, Your leading article on squirrels ("Reds versus greys", September 9) seems to owe more to emotion and the promptings of the forestry industry than to informed comment and reason. All squirrels damage trees: reds destroy pines and other conifers, and greys damage deciduous trees. A pair of red squirrels require about five acres of pines to sustain them.

The real problem is one of numbers. Predators such as pine martins and goshawks have been reduced to such low levels that the only real enemy of the squirrel is the fox. Early this century, landowners were advised to introduce greys into their woodlands to replace the "harmful" red!

On this estate we have never attempted to control squirrel numbers ALAN MORRISS. and have found that over the years the population fluctuates wildly. We curse the damage they do to beeches -

which only seems to occur in hard weather and when numbers are high - but the trees seem to grow anyway.

Two factors seem to control the squirrel population; some sort of virus disease, which breaks out when the population density is high: and particular foxes learning to exploit this abundant food source. The people who wish to poison grey

squirrels usually persecute foxes as well. What we need is a programme to build up the numbers of goshawks to the level found in Germany, where they are seen in town parks. However, the game preservationists would not like this. They prefer to wipe out the predators in order to maximise the gamebird numbers for shooting, and then poison the resultant booming squirrel numbers. Yours.

Pippingford Park, Nutley, Sussex.

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by action on the part of developers and in particular rural landowners. Low-

housing. A number of enlightened landowners have recently set an example by making land available at less than normal market value. Even if all planning controls were swept away it is unlikely that an abundance of affordable housing would result. A far more likely cause of shortage is a mass of large "executive-

cost land is necessary to build cheap

style" homes catering for the wealthier sections of the community. The Royal Town Planning Institute supports the efforts being made in many areas for agencies such as the Rural Development Commission, conservation groups, developers and local authorities to work together on agreeing and implementing inte-

grated rural development strategies. Yours truly, PHIL TURNER (Chairman, Countryside Panel), Royal Town Planning Institute, 26 Portland Place, W1.

September 11. From Professor Gordon E. Cherry Sir. The thrust of the Duke of Westminster's enquiry is to be wel-comed. A significant shift is required

planning policies. National policies have related too much to matters of form and we have been content to freeze-dry our land-scape in its "traditional" appearances. But this is to forget function and the

long-term pressure for change. The chances are that the 21st century countryside will be relatively more urbanised and more industrialised than at any time since the middle of the 19th century. Various technological, economic and social forces are sending us down this road and they are not necessarily malign to either environmental interests or the state of our towns and cities.

There is a balance to be struck; a realignment in planning strategy so as to address pressing economic and social problems is long overdue.

Yours faithfully. G. E. CHERRY, Quaker Ridge, 66 Meriden Road,

Hampton-in-Arden, Solihull, West Midlands.

Meeting of minds

From Lord Glendevon

Sir, Your industrial correspondent states (report, September 9) that an historic new era of dialogue between employers and workers is "in prospect" as a result of the TUC's tor-general of the CBI to address its conference in Blackpool.

I have longed for a situation like this for many years, ever since the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives blazed the trail 30 years ago when it invited me, as minister of works, to speak at its This came about as a result of the

quarterly meetings of a group of both sides of the building materials industry under my chairmanship. The union's delegation was led by its general secretary, Sir Richard Coppock, and we got on very well together. The invitation was naturally controversial within the union but it

went ahead. Nobody walked out (although it is true that very few had walked in).
I believe that this was the first instance of a union asking a Conser-

vative minister to its conference. Now indeed things may be looking up. Yours faithfully. GLENDEVON,

Classic FM

House of Lords.

September 9.

From Mr A. R. Hudson

Sir, In all the eulogies in your feature about the music on Classic FM (Life & Times. September 9) only Brian McMaster, Director of the Edinburgh Festival, mentions that every few minutes the music is interrupted for advertisements.

Mr McMaster thinks that the

commercials "are the price we pay". but does he not realise that the consumer pays for both commercial programmes and adverts and every time he goes shopping the cost of the commercial stations is added to the price of goods he buys?

Yours faithfully. A. R. HUDSON. 56 Brookfield Gardens. Ryde, Isle of Wight. September 9.

Light in our darkness

From Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe

Sir, With the Balkans in chaos, millions threatened with death by starvation in Somalia and Ethiopia and the EC shuffling uncertainly like a nearly blind man on a pedestrian crossing, there is one flicker of light at

the end of a dark tunnel. The Times reported on September 8 that the EC countries have agreed on legal protection for bats which is expected to come into force within the next two years.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES MOTT-RADCLYFFE. Barningham Hall, Matlaske, Norwich, Norfolk. September 10.



COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE September 12: The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 14: The Prince Edward this afternoon returned to Royal Air Force Northolt from a visit to Spain. Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE September 14: The Prince of Wales. Colonei-in-Chief, the

West Nova Scotia Regiment, this morning received Colonel Charles MacLellan, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, at Kensington Palace. KENSINGTON PALACE

September 14: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, was present at a luncheon given by the Trustees of the Regiment at Dryburgh Abbey Hotel, St Boswells, Roxburghshire, Scotland.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will presen the Community Enterprise Scheme Awards at Edinburgh Castle at 11.30; will open the Whitley Fish Counter Weir at Banchory-Devenick on the river Dee at 3.00; and will re-open the Burnett Memorial on Scoluy Hill, Banchory, at 4.20.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, will open the St John Ambulance open the St. John Ambustace
Headquarters, Hook Road,
Epsom, at 3.30; and will open the
exhibition "Tibetan Art at Spink"
at Spink & Son. 5-7 King Street, St James's, SW1, at 7.00. The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new youth wing at Emily Fortey School, Glenfield Road, Leicester, at 2.05; will open the

Centre at Leicester General Hospital at 3.10; and will open Stuart Court, the Church of England Pensions Board's new residential home for the Clergy, Kibworth Beauchamp, Harborough, at 4,10.

Birthdays today

Prince Henry of Wales is eight

theologian, 75; Mr Richard Amell, composer and conductor, 75; Mr Charles Bone, mural and watercolour painter, 66; the Marquess of Bristol, 38; General Eva. Burrows, international leader, Salvation Army, 63; Dame Sylvia Crowe, landscape architect, 91; Lord Eden of Winson, 67; Professor Brian Fender, vice-chancellor, Keele University, 58; General Sir Victor FitzGeorge-Balfour, 79; Dr Richard Gordon, author, 71; Sir Philip Harris, former chairman. Harris Queensway, 50; Lord Kinnaird, 80; Miss Jessye Norman, sonrano, 47: Viscount Novwich, 63; Mr Glen Renfrew, former chief executive Renters 64. Sir Clive Rose, diplomat, 71; Mr Justice Schiemann, 55; Lady Soames, 70; Sir Peter Studd, former Lord Mayor of London, 76; Mr Graham Taylor, manager, England football team, 48; Sir Richard Way, former paincipal, King's College, London, 78; Sir John Williams, diplomat, 70.

Olsen lecture

The second annual Olsen lecture will be delivered by P.D. James on "The Moral Responsibility of the Novelist" at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, at 6.30pm on Thursday, September 17.

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: BAdams-BDLS Australia as
Cdre 16.10.92; B Leighton Portsmouth 13.2.93. COMMANDER: T H Boycot - MOD London 18.12.92; M F Prior - MOD London 52.93; A R Rymer - SA Bonn 11.12.92; R W Talma - Naples 13.10.92.

Royal Marines KOYSA MARTINES
COLONEL: Lt Col C G H Dunlop to be
Loc Col and to RCDS 7.1.99.

MAIOR: Maj I McNelli to Dept of
CGRM and to be Act Lt Col 20.11.92;
Maj J V V Parizer to 40 Cdo RM
18.12.92.

The Army BRIGADIER: C L Elliott - to Statt Coll. 14.9.92. COLONEL: C. S. Sibran - to HQ AFSOUTH (BAE), 14.9.92; M. J. Ridlingron - to MOD, 17.9.92. LIEUTENANT COLONEL: LAS Abdul-

17.92. COLONEL: A F Carter late R Signals, 18.9.92; M H Dru-Drury late LL 15.9.92; D Hunt late R Signals, 16.9.92; M S Louden late R Signals, 15.9.92; R F Stewart late RCT, 18.9.92.

Royal Air Force

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: N M Griffiths - to
MOD 14 9-92.
GROUP CAPTAIN: A E Neal - to EAP
Kinloss 7.9-92; A Buchan - to HQ
EAFSC 7.9-92; C IBencowe - to MOD
7.9-92; I Derreit - to MOD 7.9-92; N R
Iving - to RAF Marham 14-9-92; C
J Rowe - to HQ RAFSC 14-9-92.
WING COMMANDER: D G MORINS OASC CRAINVEIL 24-8-92; D J Hodge - to
2FTS Shawbury 24-8-92; R J Stephens - to
DUS (RAF) 1-9-92; G R C COHINS - to
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Cartwright - to HQ UK Air 1-9-92; P
Nonthey - to MOD D Pers 19-92; P D R
JOILY - to Nato Staff Northwood 4-9-92;
P N Haifter - to HQ STC 14-9-92; P C
Barlow - to RAF St Manugan 15-9-92.

Luncheon

Rotary Chib of London Mr Neville Shulman, President of the Rotary Chib of London, presided at a kuncheon held yestenday at the Marriott Hotel. Mr Ian Bruce, Director-General of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, was the speaker.

Appointments in the Forces

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& Technical Svs BAOR, 14.932; D A
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16.9.92; J H Clough RCT- to be Comid
Tyt and Mov HQ BFHK, 15.9.92; P
Cawies REW- to be CO 1 ERW, 18.9.92;
C W G Dobbie KOSB - to MOD,
16.9.92; M R M EIGH QDG - to be CO
QDG, 14.9.92; A F Faingan Kings
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- to MOD, 14.9.92; J C McColl R
Anglian - to be CO 2 R Anglian,
14.9.92; D J MCLEAR R Signals - to
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- to be Cound inf Trials and Dev Unit,
14.9.92; J D K Russell Queens - to
MOD, 14.9.92; M J Russ ECT to be
Cound Tyte and Mov HQ Scat-

Rethements BRIGADIER: W.R. Mundell Late DWR, 17.9.92.

London NWI, the actor and playwright, left estate valued at £518,833 net. hr George Harold Newsons, QC, of Bishops Caminings, Wills, Chancellor of the Dioceses of St Albazs., Bath and Wells and of London, left estate valued at £519,541 net.

tax paid): ___£525,657 Kathleen Rosina Nathan, of Chearsley, Buckinghamshire £632,398

Recent wills include:

Mrs Eugenie Boucher, of Abbots Leigh, Bristol, late of Leigh Woods, Bristol, left estate valued at 54,219,474 net. She left £29,000,

two cottages and some effects to personal legates; £5,000 each to

the Salvation Army and YMCA; E2,000 each to St Swittyn's Church, Bathford, and St Mary's

Church, Leigh Woods, £1,000 and her "Ikona" to the Orthodox

Church of the Nativity of the Mother of God, Bristol; £1,000 to

the Samaritans, Taunton and

Somerset Branch and the residue

Commander Sir Clive Locknis, of

London SW1, director of the government's Communications HQ, Cheltenham, from 1960-64.

and deputy chairman of the Civil

Service Selection Board 1967-70.

left estate valued at £87,871 net.

Mr Donald Thomas Churchill,

to the RNLL

Mr Harry Felix Paroissien, of Sydling St. Nicholas, Dorset. £593,292

£1,984,446 Margaret Dallaway Stilliard, of West Wittering, West Sussex E520,172 Mr Thomas Hanbury Franklis-Adams. of Woldingham, Surrey £1,600,322. Mr Derrick John Bennesd, of Branksome Park, Dorset £728,001.

Latest wills

Mrs Katherine Edith Cox. of Somersham, Cambs £813,223. Mrs Doris Margaret Crisp. of Peterborough, Cambs... £641,351. Mrs Helen Ryland Darby, of Lowsonford, E1,337,588 Mrs Elizabeth Audrey Fliat, of

Oxted, Surrey..... £569,013. Stephanie Meyer, of Hillcroft Crescent London W5 _ £785,294. Mrs Winifred Gladwyn Pascoc, of Menlove Avenue, Liverpool £799,664.

Mr Hugh Lloyd Pugh, of Craven Arms, Salop...£1,170,553. Mrs Florence Mary Louisa Same son, of Ashitead, Surrey £568,371. Ellen Speak, of Clitherne, £966,286.

Mr Rupert Langley Stocks, of Hilton, Cambs .. Florence Marjorie Young, of Witton le Ware, Co Durham £879.591.

Student finds fortune on wall

A pottery piaque found by a Shef-field student in a house she bought was sold yesterday for £22,500. Henry Spencer and Sons, the Sheffield auctioneers, said the Lambeth charger showing a vil-lage scene was a rarity because the

lage scene was a rarity because the predominant colour was yellow, a shade extremely difficult to achieve in the early eighteenth cemary.

A spokesman said: "When the owners left they said she could have it because its removal would have left a dark ring on the wall-paper." The seller would use some mores to pay for her course. money to pay for her course.

Archaeology

Ethiopians demand return of obelisk

By Norman Hammond

capital. The second largest of

the Aksum obelsisks was duly

shipped to Naples and erected in front of the Ministry of

Italian Africa (now the head-quarters of the UN's Food and

Agriculture Organisation. FAO) on October 28, 1937,

the fifteenth anniversary of

Mussolim's March on Rome.

Although Italy agreed to restore looted works of art and

objects of historical impor-

tance by a peace treaty in 1947, the Aksum obelisk has

never gone back despite re-

Rrancaviglia, Director of the Italian Institute of Applied

Technology, petitioned the

government last December to

return the obelisk, and now

over 500 prominent Ethiopi-

Professor Richard Pank-hurst of the Institute of Ethio-

As the country rebuilds after

many years of civil war, the

ancient remains of Aksum are seen as a potent symbol of

ans have joined them.

Treaty of 1947."

ETHIOPIANS and Italian scholars have idined forces to demand that half send back an ancient obelisk taken from Ethiopia by Mussolini. The obelisk, nearly 2,000 years old, once stood in the horoic city of Alvania and is one of city of Aksum, and is one of the most striking examples of stonecarving and engineering south of Egypt.

Puppet mistress: Teresa Grimaldi works on one of the puppets that she and her sister Catherine create for the area around Britain. The two-descendants of the mineteenth century clown Joey, are working round the thock in their Brading studio on the Isle of Wight to meet demand

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Aksum, or Axum, was the capital of a state which controlled trade between the Red Sea and the upper Nile, exporting ivory and importing frankincense from Arabia, its kings struck coins with inscriptions in Greek to begin with: and under Ezana in the fourth century Aksum adopted Christianity. .

The monolithic stelae, the tallest of them 33 metres (100 ft) high, stood in a necropolis on the edge of the city; their precise relief carvings repre-sent the facades of multi-storey buildings, according to Dr David Phillipson, an African specialist at Cambridge Uni-

pian Studies in Addis Ababa said: "The obelisk seized on Mussolini's personal orders was looted: in demanding its return the Ethiopian people are asserting a legal right versity. When Mussolini conquered Ethiopia with poison gas and a aerial hombing in 1936 he decided to emulate his Roman enshrined in the Italian Peace precursors by bringing back one of the major ancient monuments of the new Italian colony to adom the Fascist national pride.

School news

Caterham School The Autumn Term at Caterham began on September 10, 1992. Chuck Iwoji has been appointed Senior Prefect and Wendy Lawson as Deputy Senior Prefect. Satoshi Jayaweeral is Captain of Rugby. Old Caterhamian, Angus Deayton, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Dinner on Friday, October 23, at the school. Founders Day will be on Samuday, November 7 and the preacher will be the Rev Malcolm Hanson, former Moderator of the URC and Old Caterhamians Day is Remembrance Sunday, Novem-

ber 8. The School Play on December 10-12 is Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay commemorating the 400th Anniversary of the death of the author Robert Green. The Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 13. Newton Prep. Battersea

Newton Erep. Battersea Newton Prep. which opened its doors in September 1991 to its first pupils, began its second year on September 3 with 230 children on roll. Twelve new members have to said the staff. The Pre-Prep demandating has now been estab-lated in the staff of the Pre-Prep demandating has now been estab-lated in the staff of the Crichard with an adjoining adven-tion. Moreday, October 26 to quests. A group of Italian scholars, led by Dr Vincento hare playground. Half-term will be from Monday. October 26 to Enday, October 30 and team will end on Wednesday, December 16. The Prep department will present a Christmas entertainment, The Miracle + Squad, on Thursday, December 10 and the Nursery and Pre-Prep their Nativity Play on Tuesday. December 15. The Headmaster is available to show prospective parents around the school our Monday and Tuesday mornings.

Appointments

DEATHS

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ARRANGEMENTS

FAME - The futeral of Mrs. Edita Meriorie (Chip) Pane will take place on Thursday 24th - September at 8t. Nicholas' Church. Sieventon. Hampshire at 250 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The British Field Sports Society.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

JEHANGIR TAVALLOU - in loving memory of my den-son, who brought so much happiness to me during his lifetime. Begum Ghamas legalacel.

ROGERS - Donnsjeen, Collon cynnes ar dy benblwydd fy nghariad fach I, "Calon lân yn Dawn dalon!" Huw.

THOMAS - Francis Stewart (Frank) Sept. 15th 1971. All my love always. Mardie.

Mr Christopher Holland, QC, and Mr Stephen Sedley, QC, to be Justices of the High Court in the Queen's Bench Division.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.P. Cayley and Miss F.H. Carr

The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Captain and Mrs Peter Cayley, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Fions, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Carr, of Morpeth.

Mr J.P. Considing

and Miss S.M. Brown The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Dr Patrick Considine, of Bedford, and Mrs. Christine Considine, o Gurinerside, Yorkshire, and of Bedford, and Sylvia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs George Brown, of

Mr D.L. Goodbart

and Miss A.J. Moonie The engagement is announced between Daniel youngest son of Sir Philip and Lady Goodhart, of Boars Hill, Oxfordshire, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Moonie, of

Mr R.H. Prest

and Miss J.A.S. Baillies The engagement is announced between Rupert, second son of the iate Mr James Prest and of Mrs Jame Prest, of Old Heathfield. Sussex, and Serena, daughter o Mr Lawrence Baillien, of Clondrisse, Victoria, Australia, and Mrs Alan Heber Percy, of

Mr D.W.H. Sharman

and Miss R.D. Denyer The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Leslie M. Sharman, of Limpney Stoke, near Bath, and Rence, daughter of Mr and Mrs William H. Denyer, of Edmond.

Oklahoma, USA:

Mr R.A.I. Sweet and Miss K.L. Valentine The engagement is announced between Robert Andrew Inglis, son of Brigadier and Mrs AJL. Sweet, of Fernhurst, Surrey, and Kathryn Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs John W. Valentine, of Combeder Surrey.

Camberley, Surrey. Mr LJ. Wheeler

and Miss A.M. Wintle The engagement is announced between Luke, only son of Mr and Mrs John Wheeler, of Froxfield. Hampshire, and Anna Marie, elder daughter of Mr Jon Wintle and the late Mrs Marie Wintle, of

Mr P.G. Young and Miss P.S. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mis T. Young, of Vowchurch, Herefordshire, and Penny, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R. Cooper, of Camberley, Surrey.

Marriages Sir Cecil Clothier

and Mrs D.P. Stevenson Sir Cecil Clothier, KCB, QC, and Mrs Diana Stevenson (née Durrant) were married quietly in

Mr D.L. Francis

and Ms H.M.R. Blackburn The marriage took place on September 11, 1992, in Poynings, East Sussex, between David Louis Francis, formerly of Richmond, Surrey, and Hélène Margaret Rose Blackburn (née McLoughlin) of Stockport, Cheshire. The bride and groom were attended by their

Dr M.P. Saward and Mrs N.J.T. Whittingham The marriage took place quietly on Friday, September 11, in the Lake District, between Michael Peter Saward and Nicola Judy

Templeton Whittingham (née

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"If it at all possible for you, take pity on us and help us." they seld. "If it is possible!" seld Jame "Everything is possible to one who believes." St. Mark 9: 22.35 RSs BIRTHS ANDT - On September 11th in California, USA, to Sara (née Daniel) and Tom, a 4-matter Sophile Katherine, s user Daniel) and Tom, a daughter Sopale Kotherine, a state for Lucy BLAUSTEN - On September 9th, at the Portland Hospital, to Caroline (nee Duo) and Simon, a son, Jonathan Andrew a playmate for Deborah, Dawselber FOWRING - On September 11th, to Felicity and Glies, a daughter, Emily Catherine, a sister for Alexander. sister for Alexander. CAMERON - On September 3rd 1992, to Annie McClure and lan Cameron a daughter, Cabriella Mary Cameron, a sister for Zara, Jamie, Katya and the late Natasha. CARNEGIE - On September 4th to Anne (nde Southpate) and Andrew, a beautiful daughter, Georgia Anne. Roste Alice. COLEMAN - On September 7th, to Lizzie (née Byron) and Piers, a daughter Poppy, a sister for Christopher. George and Jessie. ESDALE - On Thursday September 10th, to Deborah September 10th, to Deborah (née Bennett) and Mark, a son, Ryan Joseph, NAMELTON - On September 12th to Cynthia tinée Burdett Blackett) and Roddy, a son, Charles Archie William, a brother for Reberca and Laure. HARDY - On September 10th 1992. to Sarah (no-Blenkinsopp) and Kevin, a daughter, Alice Rebecca.

MILLER - On September 12th, to Judy Rvie Eirington) and Dominic. a son, Harley Francis, a brother for Rufus

STIRRUP - On September 10th to Georgina (née Hobman) and Charles, a son, William John TATHAM - On August 24th in Vienna to Mary-Rose (née Waterield) and Timothy, a TYER - On September 10th, to Caroline this Horsburgh) and Rupert, a daughter, Abigoil Ann Rosemany, a sister for Emily, YATES - On September 3rd, to Kim (nee Gabons) and Roper, a 3on. Robert Alexander, a brother to Max and Jeremy. KENNER - On September 3rd. to Debrire (mic Boyle) and Henry, a daughter, Lucy Vic-toria, a sister to Daulette. KIDD - On September 10th, to Sarah (née Melluish) and David, a daughtar Gina Elizabeth Mary, Mother and daughter extremely well. Father recuperating, MARRIAGES PM Beresford and Miss A Murphy. The marriage look place on Monday September 14th. In Fill of Patrick, younger son of Mrs Freddle MEDLICOTT - On September 9th to Nancy (nèe Comor) and Hamon, Oriana Jane, a sister for Clare. 14m. In Fig of Patrick, younger son of Mrs Freddig Berestord of North Dorset and the lale Major Brian Berestord M.C. to Altson, only child of Mr And Mr Apthony Murphy of Worcester.

marriage has taken place of Philip Andrew, son of Mr & Mrs A. Honey of Pinner. Middlesex and Lyn Alica, daughter of Mr & Mrs S. Holmes of Downham Market Norfolk. PARRETT - On Adgust 25th. to Judi (née Thurlow) and John, a daughter Alexandra, a sister for Sean PERICHS - On September 12th (the Pull Moon) is Hillary and Peler. a son, Joe George, at the wonderful new Bournemouth Maternity Unit. DEATHS ABBOTT - On Septem 1992. at Wordester, Henry Ridley aged 81 years (former Headmaster, Darwer PRIOHAM - On September 12th 1992, to June (née Stibbon) and Robert, a daughter, Georgia Florence Jenn, a sister for Louise and Chioá. rousey aged St years fromer-Headmaster, Derwen Grammer School, beloved husband of the late Mirinda and dear father of Pay, Jill and Richard, Service In Hollins Crove Church, Darwen, Monday September HICHARDSON - On August 31st, to Peter and Lesley, a son. Matthew James. a brother for Jonathan. Darvien, Monday September 21st, 2pm, prior to interment category. Flowers will be received or donations may be sent to British Red Cross Society, C/o Ainsworth Funeral Directors, Church Bank Street, Darwien, Lanca. Tel: (254 873290. NOBJOHN - On September 10th to Sharon (nee Bolton) and Jan, a daughter (Beatrice Dione Cottrell), a sister for Harvey. SHELBOURNE - On August 31st, in Norwich, to Calify (née Mason) and Charles, a daughter, Freya, SKEDO - On September 11th, in Bath, to Alison (née Gainsford) and Richard, a son, Benjamin Wenallt. SPELMAN - On September 17th to Caroline and Mark

ARNOLD On 12th September 1992. Dennis Alex, husband of Befty. Formerly Deputy Secretary Royal Institute of Chemistry and Secretary of Chemistry and Secretary of Chemistry and Secretary of Chemistry and Secretary of Chemistry at Brushspeare Cremation at Brushspeare Cremation at Brushspeare Cremation at Brushspeare Cremation West Chapel on Friday 18th September 1992. Donations In Heu of flowers if preferred to R.S.C. Benevolent Fund Thomas Graham House, Science Park, Million Road, Cambridge C34 4WY BECQUET - On Friday 11th BECQUET - On Friday 11th September 1992. In Jersey C.I., Edgar John, much leved, husband of Monica, leving father of Elbaheth and son-in-law James and very dear grandfather of Nicholas and Timothy. Enquiries to H W Maillard and Son Ltd. Funeral Directora. Tel 0534 3729;

MARRIAGES

of Mary.

CRIDLARD - on Saturdar Septamber 12th 1992 at the General Hospital St Heller, Jersey, June Imbal (nie Hickman) aged 65 years. Dearly loved wife of John. loving mother of Christine and devoted grand John. mother-in-law of Christine and devoted grand mother of Charles. Lucinda. Alam and Andrew. She will be saidly missed also by Di and all ber family and friends. The fondral sprice will bake place in Jersey, all enquiries to H w Mothlard and Son Ltd. Funeral Directors. Tel 0534 37291

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DREWE On September 13th, 1992, peacefully at the Moundamere Nursing Home. Personal Home. Parksions. Poole. Dureen Margaret sped 80, belowed wife of Eric and tuuch loved mother of Gillian and June. Private Cremation will be held on Friday September 18th. Fjowers or donations if preferred for The Aubelmars Dissess Society may be sent to Tapper Funeral Service. \$2/54 Parksione Road, Poole, Dorsel. Tel: (0202) 673164

DRINKALL - On September, 12th 1992, Harold John BSC. AMI, Chem.E., at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunion aged 51 years. Formerly Superintendant ROS Superintendant ROS Purphrey and ROS Purphrey and ROS Purphres and Director of Sefety. War Department. Befoved husband of Rosalind, loving father of Jesus. Susan and son-th-law John. Grandfather of Michael, Carattopher. David michael, Champher, Levic and Mary, grandfatherin-law of Sichham and gran grandfather of Jackson Functal service at Taunton crematorium. September 17th at 11.30am

EDGERILEY - On Septembe 11 ft. Anne. died peacefult at her home. Much loved b ber five children and four leen grandchildren. ELWELL-SMITH . September 11th, peacefully on his 82nd birthday, Dennis (BIII), Russian (Bill). Rusband of the late Winnie and brother of Winds and brother of Yolanda. Creatly missed by family, friends and the Aston Martin Owners Clab. Cardenony at home on Thursday 17th. at 2.48pm. rollowed by interment at Marthursday.

DARLEY - On September 12th, pescentilly in her sleep at Ashley Park Nursing Home. West Camdon. Muried tole Cowan). Beloved widow of Dr Rupert Darley of Ether and dearly loved by her children. Ann. Elizabeth. Susanna and Charles, her Grandchildren and Great Crandchildren. Service of Thankspiving at St Thomas Of Cauterbury. East Camdon, at Spra, on Wednes.

FRYER - On September 12th, pasquidly at home, Jean Eleanore Graham, aged 87. Wife of Major - General W.G. Ptyer CB, CBE, Enquiries to 0988 212033 BRAVES-KNYFTON

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HUNTER-HENDERSON - On Sakurday September 12th, suddanly. Robert Hunter-Hunderson. He will be dearly missed. Telephone for infor-

LEMON - On September 12th 1992, peacefully at home. Geoffrey Raymond, aged 62, Dearty loved husband of Jane and brother of Phyllis. Jane and brother of Phytis.
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DEATHS AtATLAND - On September 14th Lawrence Lastierdale, geacefully at Cedar Court Nurshing Horie. Will be safty missed by his many friends. Memorial Sevice at Thistleton Church, Ruthand

RecCARRI - On September 9th 1992, Bestrice, pencefully sittered into life eternal at home aged 93. Cremation private. Thankspiving service at the Church, Devel Road, Salisbury on Wednesday 23rd September at 3.00 pm. Donations to the MUNTHE On September 12th 1992. Cuy.

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OGLE - On September 10th 1992. suddenly and peacethilly whilst on holidary. Bertram Douglas. George Ogle. M.B.E. (Bertie), devoted husband of Irene. loving and supportive father and father-ba-two of Melcolm and Vera, Hilbary and Colin. Nicholas and Debbie and adored grandfather of Deboush (decessed). Mark. Authoriv. Capariotte (decessed). Mark. Authoriv. Capariotte (decessed). Mork. Jonathan. Alexander and Victoria. Funeral at worthing Cremstorium of Thursday Suptember 17th, at 2pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent to the Boys' Brigade Association (which played such am important part in Bertie's early life; c/o H D Tribs Lin. 63 Sea Lane. Rustington, W. Susser, BN16 2RQ. Tel: 0905 787188

PAYME - On September 10th, after a short illness in Queen Mary's Hospital. Rochampton, Major General George Le Ferre Payme C.B., C.B.F. In loving memory from his faintly and friends, cremation at Putney Valc. at 11.48am on Wednesday September 16th. Enquiries to T H Sanders, 081 789 6855,

SKILLINGTON - On 12th September 1992, in hospital, Florence Edith (née Astill), widow of S.H. Skillington, F.S.A., aged 36 years, Funcral service at The Calbedrel Church of Saint Martin, Leicester, on Friday 18th September 1992 at 10,00am, followed by cremation at Gilrost Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Leicester Cathedral, C/o Ginns and Catteridge, Flament Directors of Leicester, Tet 0533-816117

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WALLBANK - On September 12th, Seren Annie F.I.M.A. aged 88, peacefully at South-lands Nursing Home, Leeds: Formers's mathematics teacher at Portsusufi and in the University of Leeds. Pimeral Thursday Suptember 17th. Enquiries W.M. Doégson & Son. Tel: 0532 498849.

WREN (née Slater). Violet Norah Kathleen, Eyer remembered with desy love, especially on her birthday, September 13th. Douglas.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES LEGAL NOTICES

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Answers from page 16 CROTELS

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QUENTIN BURDICK

Quentin Northrop Burdick, the second-oldest United States senator. died in Fargo, North Dakota, on September 8 aged 84. He was born in Munich, North Dakota, on June 19, 1908.

IF THERE was one thing that Quentin Burdick did better than anything else, and better than almost anyone else in Congress, it was the funnelling of federal money towards his home state. In his 32 years as a senator for North Dakota he acquired a reputation among his colleagues for his unabashed pursuit of so-called "pork barrel" projects: federal-ly-funded endeavours which, by definition, had more to do with providing jobs and profits back home than with serving the interests of the American taxpayer.

His critics called him "the King of Pork". Burdick never minded the appellation. "I'll get everything North Dakota



is entitled to," he once said, 'now."

Occasionally, however, Burdick over-reached himself; most notably in the case of the Lawrence Welk Museum, for which he persuaded Congress to fork out several million dollars in 1990. In a time of recession and soaring deficits,

the construction of a museum at public expense to mark the birthplace of a popular bandleader struck many people as a glaring example of the excesses of pork-barrel politics. Congress hurriedly withdrew the appropriation last year.

The son of a lawyer who served for ten terms as a Republican in the House of Representatives, Burdick gained his own law degree from the University of Minnesota. He joined his father's firm, and spent the Depression years advising farmers threatened with foreclosure. The experience gained him wide recognition in North Dakota, and formed the basis for his political career. That career, however, was slow in starting. Burdick lost five elections as a Republican, and one more after he switched parties to become a Democrat. It was not until 1959 that he became the first Democrat ever to be sent to Congress by North Dakota.

Dakota
In the House of Representatives, Burdick quickly built up a voting record rated highly by trade unions and liberal action groups, and capitalised on it in 1960 to win one of the two North Dakota senate seats in a by-election. He never lost it. His continuing popularity with the voters, however, was probably due more to the dollars he pushed in their direction than any great distinction in his political career. Unusually for a senator with his length of service - only

Strom Thurmond of North Carolina and Robert Byrd of West Virginia have longer records — he did not achieve a committee chairmanship until 1986. Then, finding himself named chairman of the Environment and Works Committee, he delegated most of the work and much of his authority to others.

Quentin Burdick was widowed in 1958. He is survived by his second wife, Jocelyn,

PROFESSOR JOHN SUTTON

John Sutton, FRS, geologist, died in Weymouth on September 6 aged 73. He was born on July 8, 1919.

JOHN Sutton was among the leading geologists of his generation. To be one of his students was like living on the slopes of a volcano. The soil was fertile, the view awe inspiring, but one knew that long periods of productive calm could suddenly be punctuated by an eruption. John Sutton was the eldest child of G. J. Sutton, of

Sutton's Seeds, the horticultural company. He went to King's School, Worcester, and from thence to study geology in the Royal College of Sci-ence, Imperial College of Sci-ence and Technology. London. His academic career was interrupted by six years military service with the RACC and REME before he returned to Imperial College in 1946, where he was to spend the rest of his career. He joined a group of research students under the late Professor H. H. Read who used meticulous geological field mapping to unravel the com-plex folded and thrust history of the Precambrian rocks of the Scottish Highlands. In 1949 he married another student in this group, Janet Watson, also to become a professor and fellow of the Royal Society. Over the next 25 years until Janet Watson's death she and John Sutton made a formidable team in British and international geological circles. They worked on the Precambrian geology not only of the Scottish High-lands, but of the whole globe. They exemplified the dictum of Sir Henry De La Beche that to be a good geologist all you needed was common sense, good eyesight and a stout pair of legs. At an international geological congress in Spain the subsequent field trip in-



volved crossing a raging torrent. While the rest of the party sat down to remove their boots and socks and roll up their trousers, Sutton and Watson joined hands and walked straight through the river, maintaining the finest tradi-

tions of Scottish Highland geology and of the Imperial College geology department.

After completing his PhD John Sutton was appointed lecturer in 1948, reader in 1956 and professor in 1958.

During these years he honed

tent. They ranged-from Al-

ways Together to John Loves

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Lining, On the Riviera, Belles

on Their Toes and There's No Business Like Show Business.

In 1956, after scripting Daddy Long Legs for Fred Astaire, Henry Ephron moved

into the production side of the

business with Carousel, for

which he and Phoebe also

his ability to use observations from small outcrops of rock to interpret the vast contortions of the earth's crust in time and

In 1964 he became head of department, a post that he held for ten years. This was an exciting decade. In those days university heads of departments were not just underpaid accountants. They were still teachers and researchers with time to profess their subjects. John Sutton vigorously presided over a major expansion of

the geology department until it was one of the largest in

Although he was very much a pure academic, Sutton was always alert to new applications of geology. He foresaw the contribution that geology would make to interpreting satellite imagery, establishing the Imperial College centre for remote sensing. He appreciated the interplay between geology and the environment. founding the Imperial College centre for environmental technology in 1977. With the advent of North Sea oil, John Sutton saw the oil technology group of the college expand and divide into geology and engineering sections.

of the Royal School of Mines, 1965-68 and 1974-77. He was pro-rector of Imperial College from 1979-1983. He was elected fellow of the Royal Society in 1966 and was vicepresident from 1975-77. He travelled extensively in the role of geological diplomat, and was particularly successful in establishing contacts with Chinese geologists. Unlike many professional scientists, he was very supportive of enthusiastic amateurs. Thus he served the Geologists' Association in many capacities, including that of president. The Geological Society of London awarded him the Bigsby Medal, jointly with Janet Watson, in 1965. and the Murchison Medal in 1975. Following the death of Janet Watson he married Betty Middleton-Sandford, the designer. When he retired those who

did not know him well expected that he would move to the highlands of Scotland. Horticulture was in his blood, however, and gardening a life long passion. He retired to the soft rolling cretaceous downs of Dorset, there to recreate lovingly a manor house garden. He has no surviving

MAJOR-GENERAL C. M. F. DEAKIN

Major-General C. M. F. Deakin, CB, CBE, Commandant of the Joint Services Staff College. Latimer, from 1962 to 1965, died on September 8 aged 81. He was born on December 20, 1910.

THE lode-stars of "Peter" Deakin's life were his regiment, the Grenadier Guards: sailing, latterly as a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron and the Household Brigade Yacht Club; and his family he was married for 50 happy years. Smallish by Guards standards, he will be remembered for his attractive sense of John Sutton served as dean humour, nimble mind and ready wit. An amusing raconteur, he could always say the right thing at the appropriate

> He had a distressingly sad start in life. His mother died giving birth to him, and his father, William R. Deakin, rejected him as the cause of his wife's death. He was brought up by his uncle and aunt. Christened Cecil Martin Fothergill, he was nick-named 'Peter" after meeting Beatrix Potter in the Lake District, who saw he was wearing a blue jacket very like Peter Rabbit's. His uncle sent him to Winchester College and Sandhurst, where he narrowly missed winning the Sword of Honour.

moment with an instinctive lightness of touch.

Commissioned into the Grenadier Guards in 1931. he was posted initially to the 3rd Battalion, but was transferred to the 2nd Battalion when it was sent out to Egypt during the Abyssinian crisis of 1936-37. In 1938 he was seconded to the Honourable Artillery Company, an officerproducing unit in the Territorial Army, as its chief instructor. For the first three years of the war he was on the general staff of the 66th Infantry, 42nd Armoured and 11th Armoured Divisions in England. He did not see active service until the invasion of Normandy in 1944, when he was second-in-command of the 4th Battalion, equipped with Churchill tanks as part of the 6th Guards Tank Brigade, with whom he fought throughout the North-West

European Campaign.

After the war, he was lucky enough to command both the 2nd Battalion in Germany for a short time in 1946; and, after a spell as GSO1 of the 2nd Division, the 1st Battalion, which he took out to Palestine and then Tripoli he was commanding the 32nd Guards Brigade in the Suez children survive him.

Canal Zone during the difficult last years (1953-55) of the British withdrawal from Egypt. He was soon back off Port Said, commanding the 29th Infantry Brigade during abortive Suez landings in 1956.

Besides his panache as a commander, he was a think-ing soldier and avid reader. It was appropriate that he should be drawn into military policy-making in Whitehall. He became Brigadier General Staff and then Director of Military Training in the War Office, 1957-59; and after a year commanding 50th London Division (TA) he was made Director of the Territorial Army, Cadets and Home Guard, 1960-62. His final appointment in the Army was Commandant of the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer where he was an outstanding success, his deft approach and ready wit softening endemic rivalries, and helping to bring the staffs of the three Services closer

Soon after he retired in 1965, he took up the presidency of the large Grenadier Guards Association with branches all over the country. He will be remembered by Grenadier old comrades for



his dynamic leadership during the 15 years of his presidency, and during his subsequent years as vice-patron, the Queen being patron. He had a brief spell on the staff of Atlantic College, but his main preoccupation in

retirement was as a director of

the Mental Health Founda-

tion, which he served until In 1934 he married Evelyn, daughter of Sir Arthur Grant of Monymusk, Aberdeenshire. They had a son and a daughter. Evelyn died in wedding anniversary. His two

Kim Chung-yul

prime minister and a founding member of the South Korean Air Force, has died

Kim served as prime minis ter from July 1987 through February 1988 under former President Chun Doo-hwan. He served twice as the air force chief of staff and was defence

KIM Chung-yul, a former

aged 75 in a Seoul hospital.

minister in 1957.

signified his intention of escort-

SEPT 15 ON THIS DAY 1880

By the age of 15, Prince George, later King George V, had faced both danger and death on several long voyages while serving in the corvette Bacchante, Of 4,000 tons. fully-rigged but with auxiliary engines, she was not regarded by everyone as the most

by Everyone as the must seaworthy of vessels. The prince was not pampered and a shipmate later wrote warmly of his bearing and behaviour in spite of discomfort and food that was often "exceedingly

promises to be an eventful cruise round the world on board the unarmoured corvette Bacchante, Captain Lord Charles Scott. Since the return of the ship from Holybead: whither she went to take part in the ceremony attending the opening of the dock there by the Prince of Wales, she has undergone a refit by the dock-A few defects in her machinery which prevented her stopping and starting as promptly as was desirable have been remedied, and the gun which was removed from under her forecastle previous to her sailing for the West Indies has been replaced on board, the difference in weight having been adjusted by relieving her of about 16 tons of iron ballast. In this instance the cruise was commenced under as disagrecable auspices as regards

her anchorage until the weather moderated it was thought that the Prince of Wales, who had

ing the corvette for some distance down Channel in the Osborne, Commander Lord Charles Beresford, would defer his visit. As neither the naval authorities, however, nor the local railway officials had received intimation of any change of arrangements, the preparations for the recep-tion of his Royal Highness proceeded. The Osborne, which was under the charge of Mr. Harding, the senior pilot, and asistant Queen's harbourmaster, came down from its moorings. and drew up alongside the South railway jetty shortly after 12: and it soon became known that the Royal train was close at hand. The special train containing the Prince of Wales, Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales left the Victoria Station of the London Brighton, and South Coast Railway at 25 minutes past 10. Although the train had to contend against a strong head wind nearly all the way, it arrived in the dockyard at 25 minutes to 1, or only five minutes after the time fixed.

There were waiting on the jetty to receive the Princes Admiral Ryder, Commander-in-Chief, and his flag captain, Captain Seymour, Rear-Admiral Foley, Colonel Smythe, commanding Royal Artillery and Colonel Bray, Assistant Adjutant-General. Up to the moment of the Prince's arrival the rain had continued to fall in torrents, and a heavy sea was tossing in the Solent Just as the Royal train drew up, however, the clouds began to break up and disperse, and the appearance of a bright blue sky encouraged hopes which were not justified by the sorry experiences of the

As the Prince and the young Princes stepped on board the Osborne, the ships in the harbour broke out with masthead flags, and the Duke of Wellington saluted the hoisting of the Royal standard with 21 guns. There being not much baggage to unship, the yacht drew away from the jetty at 11 minutes to 1,

HENRY EPHRON

Henry Ephron, Hollywood screenwriter and producer, died at the Motion Picture Hospital in Los Angeles on September 6 aged 80. He was born in New York City on May 26, 1912.

SCREEN-WRITING was a family affair for Henry Ephron. Over three decades all his work was done in collaboration with his wife, Phoebe. After her premature death in 1971 at the age of 57 his career came to a virtual full

The couple met while they were both working as counsellors at a summer camp for schoolchildren, shortly after Ephron graduated from Cornell University. They married a few weeks later. At the tirrie Ephron was working as a stage manager in a Broadway theatre, writing in his spare time. At first, Phoebe confined herself to making suggestions on her husband's work in progress, but she soon became a full writing partner and gave up the role of housewife. "I don't go in the kitchen very often nowadays," she once told a reporter, "except for icecubes for a drink."

The Ephrons' first success came in 1943 with the Broadway production of Three's a Family. They broke into Hollywood with the script of Bride By Mistake in 1944, and



Astaire and Leslie Caron in Daddy Long Legs

moved west to Los Angeles. These were the Hollywood years of glamorous and wholesome looking stars delivering scripts that would never offend a maiden aunt. The Ephrons'

optimistic, "feel good" style fitted the mood exactly. Over the next decade they wrote the screenplays for more than a dozen movies whose titles regularly reflected their con-

wrote the screenplay. They followed this success in 1957 with The Desk Set, starring Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, which became their best-known film, and A Certain Smile, based on the Sagan novel, in 1958. The couple had another Broadway triumph in 1961 with Take Her, She's Mine, though they did not write the screen adaptation of the play. Their last major film project was in 1964, when they received an Oscar nomination for their work on Captain Newman, MD, with Gregory Peck and Tony Curtis.

After his wife's death Henry Ephron published a memoir entitled We Thought We Could Do Anything, chronicling their life together in Hollywood. It was, wrote Mel Gussow in The New York Times, "as much a love story as a memoir".

Henry Ephron is survived by four daughters, one of whom is the writer Nora

Nathan E. Cook, the tioned at Port-au-Prince, Hai-

NATHAN COOK

oldest known United States war veteran and last survivor of the Spanish-American War era, has died aged 106.

NATHAN Cook had a love of action and satisfied it in service that spanned America's sea-going campaigns around the world. No-one else had the memories of this century's naval life that Cook

He joined the Navy in 1901 as a cabin boy. He was 15 but lied about his age to sign up after spotting a recruiting poster promising an opportunity to "see the world." He saw action in the Philip-

pine Insurrection, begun by Filipino insurgents unable to gain recognition of their independence from the United States. Spain had ceded the Philippines after losing the Spanish-American War of 1898. The insurgency began in 1899 and was crushed by

May 1901. During his 44-year career, Cook also saw action in the Boxer Rebellion in China. clashes on the US-Mexican border and in both world wars. In the first world war Cook commanded a submarine chaser that sank two German U-boats. He decided to forgo retirement to fight in the second world war, com-

manding a sea-going tug sta-

ti, and a submarine tender at Panama. Cook became a celebrity as

marking the way, by his service, that the United States developed in the 20th century. In Washington, Edward J. Darwinski, Veterans' Affairs secretary, said: "The passing of our nation's oldest war veteran is more than just an historical footnote. Nathan Cook's life spanned a period in which America grew from a nation just emerging on the world scene, to become the greatest power on Earth."

The Veterans Affairs Department said 392,000 men and women served during the 1898-1902 period that in-cluded the United States' war with Spain. Cook was one of 62,000 surviving veterans of the second world war with an average age of 91.

. When Cook turned 104, President Bush sent him a congratulatory letter and guests watched a video presentation of his life. Cook attributed his longevity to clean living. although he once smoked cigars. His daughter said he did not drink alcohol, however, preferring to keep tea in his

His wife of 76 years, Eliza-beth, died in 1982. They had met in New York in 1901 and married in 1905.

Cook is survived by two daughters and a son.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: François, Duc de la Rochefoucauld, writer, Paris, 1613; John Campbell, 1st Baron Campbell, lord chancellor 1859-61, Cupar, Fife. 1779; James Fenimore Cooper, novelist, Burlington, New Jersey, 1789; Henry Sweet, philologist, London, 1845; William Howard Taft, 27th president of the USA 1909-13, Cincinnati, 1857; Agatha Christie, novelist, Torquay.

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DEATHS: Albrecht von Wallenstein, soldier and statesman, Herrmanie, Czechoslovakia, 1583; Sidney Godolphin, 1st Earl of Godolphin, statesman, St Albans, 1712; Isambard Kingdom Brunel, civil engineer, London, 1859; John Speke, explorer, Neston Park, Bath, 1864; Thomas Wolfe, novelist, Baltimore, Maryland, 1938; Anton von Webern, composer, Mittersill, Austria, 1945; Wilhelm Messerschmitt, aircraft designer,

The first fatal railway accident occurred when William Huskisson, MP, was killed at the opening of the Liverpool-Manchester line, 1830. The cholera plague in England (June-Oct), at its height in the week ending this day, 3,183 deaths in London, 1849. Tanks first used in action by British on the Somme, 1916. Battle of Britain Day.

Mite proves match for Highland midge

By KERRY GILL

ONE of the greatest scourges of everyday life in the Scottish Highlands, the small but bloodthirsty midge, may have met its match in the form of an even tinier red mite.

Few visitors to the region will have escaped the attentions of the midge, a member of the Ceratopogonidae family, which thrives in the humid months of the late summer and can drive grown men to paroxysms of scratching as it sinks its piercing mouthparts into their flesh.

Once the midge has gorged on blood it will retreat to the warmth of a peat bog. But within the bogs of the west Highlands lies a relatively new predator, a red mite. The mites, according to research carried out on the isle of Skye. are as voracious as the midges. They sink their mouthparts into the soft abdomen of the midges to get at the blood. Once the midges have been

sucked dry they perish. The cut and thrust at the bottom of the food chain might only be of academic interest but for the fact that people on Skye and the Western Isles have noticed a small but welcome drop in the swarms of midges this year. Professor Angus Stuart, who has conducted research into the midge's life cycle, said that midges could be found with as many as four red mites clinging to their host. He said that up to 2 per cent of Skye's midges may have succumbed to the mites, first identified in Scotland several years ago.

The mites may have succeeded where other attempts at eradication have failed. It is unclear where they have come from. Samples were sent to the Natural History Museum which, in turn, dispatched the mites to central Africa where a French expert recognised them. A museum spokesman said they were enthusiastic about the practical effects of the mites. It is breeding parasites that attack mosquitoes as part of research into the eradication of malaria.

Dr George Hendry, author of Midges in Scotland, believes the days of midge swarms could be numbered although, somewhat perversely, he sees the midge as a protector of the unspoiled beauty of the region.

University news

London Conferment of title of professor

and appointments to chairs Mr M.R.B. Clarke (Senior Lecturer in Computer Science, Professor of Computer Science; Dr J.A. Edgington (Reader in Experi-mental Physics), Professor of Phys-ics, Mr H.S.E. Gravelle (Reader in Economics), Professor of Economics: Dr P.J. Hennessy (author, journalist and broadcaster), Chair of Contemporary History: Professor R.J. Penny (Professor of Spanish), Chair of Romance Philology: Dr. M. Hobson Jeanneret (University Professor of Spanish), Chair of Romance Philology: Dr M. Hobson Jeanneret (University Lecturer in French and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridgel, Chair of French: Dr J.P.W. Stark (British Aerospace). Chair of Aero-nautical Engineering Dr A.G. Hildrew (Reader in Biological Sciences). Professor of Ecology.

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Congraphy Other appointments and elections

Other appointments and elections Professor Ken Young, Vice-Principal; Professor A.D. Olver, Dean of the faculty of Engineering, Professor J. R. White, Chairman of the School of Engineering, Professor P.I.P. Kalmus, Head of the Department of Physics; Dr P.E. Ogden, head of the Department of Geography: Dr Raymond Kuhn, Head of the Department of Political Studies: Professor Brian Napier, Director of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies.

Finest pipers stand out from the pack

By Angus Nicol, piping correspondent

WITH all the senior competitions comfortably under one roof in the Eden Court Theatre in Inverness, bad weather was no threat to pipers competing at the Northern Meeting. Their chief anxiety was the difference in temperature between the centrally heated tuning room and the cooler auditorium. The first competition was

for the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal. For an event of this calibre the performances were on the whole disappointing, the five prizewinners standing out from the rest. The winner of the Gold Medal, Angus MacColl, played Togail nam Bo (The MacFarlanes' Gathering). This is a slight tune in comparison with others played in this event but MacColl's very finished performance made him a worthy winner. Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies took

second place. There was a generally good standard of playing in the Silver Medal competition. But when 26 pipers each have to submit four tunes out of a list of six, two of which are not universally popular, a degree of repetition results. The medal was won by William Morrison, who played the least known of the tunes, Dastirum gu Seinnim Piob (I am proud to play a pipe). The march competitors oc-cupied the rest of the first day.

In grade A, the first prize was taken by Michael Cusack. The grade B event was won by Douglas Campbell. In the evening the march. Strathspey and reel competition for former winners took

place. The winner, after a

splendid performance, was Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies. Highland Society of London's Gold Medal, and Scaforth Pitcher, and Donnie Manson Trophy: Angus MacColl; 2 P/M Alasdair Gillies; 3 Chris Terry; 4 Eric Rigier, 5 John Don MacKenzie.

MacKettzle.

Silver Medal, and 51st Highland
Volunteers' Cup: William Morrison; 2

Stuart Liddell: 3 Donald MacPhee: 4
lain Speirs. March A. Addison Watson Cop: Michael Cusack; 2 Iain Hurst: 3 Angus MacColl; 4 Ronald MacShannon. March B. Mrs MacDonald of Craigniche Trophy: Douglas Campbell; 2 Stuart Liddell; 3 Alastair Fletcher; 4 John Don MacKenzie.

March, Strathppey and Reel, Royal Scottish Pipers' Society's Silver Star, MacBrayne Challenge Cup: PrM Alasdair Gillies; 2 Angus MacColl; 3 William Morrison: 4 William MacCallum.

THE ROYAL **MIDSHIPMEN** Prince Albert Victor and Prince George of Wales left Spithead yesterday afternoon on what yard authorities at Portsmouth.

the weather as are likely to be expereinced during the whole The morning broke wet and stormy, the wind blowing almost a gale from the south, and as it seemed highly improbable that the Bacchante would move from

proceeded to Spithead, and stood off for the Bacchante.

Scientists divided in bomb enquiry

Continued from page I quashed the Maguire convictions last year, accepting the possibility there had been innocent contamination after a report by Sir John had been sent to the home secretary.

Last autumn, scientists from the Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment, which did the original trial work, said that new evidence was flawed. The scientific committee was set up under Professor Thomas West, an analytical chemist, to take a fresh look.

David Clarke, QC, counsel to the enquiry, reporting on the committee's findings yesterday, said the six scientists included those who thought contamination likely or very likely and those who took a more negative view. However, even the most sceptical members could not absolutely exclude contamination.

Even after the committee's report was completed in August, two scientists represent-ing the Maguires did their own tests to show that contamination could have been caused by contaminated ether in a government laboratory or a police store. Yesterday other members of the committee countered with new evidence to the enquiry. Scientists for the laboratory said the new work was noth-ing more than an illustration of the hypothetical possibilities which the committee

could not exclude. Mr Clarke told Sir John May that nothing had emerged to undo Sir John's interim report on the case. Mr Clarke told Sir John that it was unlikely that any conclusions could be drawn on the likelihood of contamination "which will take this debate much further and you may feel that you can do no more than to receive and take

note of the opposing views". He said the work for the enquiry was now shown to be flawed and inconclusive. Tests may have been influenced by cross-contamination between swabs for the hands and fingernail samples. There could also have been contamination in the original tests on the Maguire group because of the instructions given to the police on how swabs were placed over the hands and fingers. Tests now showed the traces could only have been of nitroglycerine.

After the hearing Mrs Maguire said: "We know the Maguire Seven are innocent. At the end of the day our consciences are clear."



Fighting spirit: President Bush and Ronald Reagan guesting supporters at a Republicant all is expected to portray his challenger Bill Clinton as putting environmental concerns

Bundesbank rate cut raises few hopes in the markets

saying that people had had exaggerated expectations of the likely size of the reduction. It was the first time that the Germans had lowered the cost of borrowing for five years and the direction of German rates was now "firmly downwards", it said. There has been a significant change of mood. We are now talking about reductions in rates throughout Europe," an

At the official Bank of England close in London, the pound was up 2.5 pfennigs against the German mark at DM2.8131 and 4.05 cents down against the dollar at \$1.8937. In lunchtime New York trading, the pound stood at DM2.8127 and \$1.8915. The dollar rate against the German mark rose to DM1.4871 in New York from an opening DM1.4435 in London.

aide said.

The FT-SE 100 Index closed up 51.2 points at 2422.1, despite anxieties over the French vote on Maastricht. New York shares also rose strongly, in line with the rising dollar.

Jacques Delors, the European Commission president,

in an emotional appeal to French voters, said that the events of the past two weeks had shown that a united Europe could work. "Please don't break that up, because it's fragile," he said.

M Delors welcomed the gesture" from the Bundesbank, but refused to say whether he believed that the bank would have to cut rates further to arrest the European recession. He called on Germany's EC partners to recognise the new European spirit of the Bundesbank, and to help Bonn to overcome its burgeoning refugee crisis. He did his best to scotch

esbank had moved reluctantly. "I don't believe the Bundesbank gave in. It stuck to its rules and statutes." He said that the EC's current problems showed that, with its present currency hotchpotch, Europe could not take the lead from America in steering the world out of re-

the theory that the Bund-

cession. He said that EMU would help the Community to "play the role people expect of it in the world". The French government, which had hinted on Sunday

night that it might follow the

Bundesbank with its own monetary easing, appeared to draw back after seeing the market reaction to the German move. The finance ministry said that any reduction in French interest rates would now depend on a "yes" vote in Sunday's referendum.

In Italy and Germany, there were widespread criticisms of the weekend's financial package. The Association of German Chambers of Commerce at-tacked the fact that news of the cut had been announced by the Community, not by German officials.

Hans-Peter Stihl, president of the German Chamber of Industry and Trade, said that the organisation would be watching closely how the cen-tral bank maintained its independence. He said that he saw no reason for the bank to ease its policies, in view of continuing inflationary pressure in Germany.

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Sterling is next in the markets' firing line

Continued from page 1 could fall apart as early as next Sunday, when renewed pressure on the lira and pound will necessitate a second realignment. If France votes "yes", the present par-ties will survive for a while but the ERM will no longer be seen as a system of perma-

nently fixed exchange rates. For Britain, this change in perception could have profound economic and polifcial implications. Mr Major will have to find a new miracle cure for the country's economic problems. The link with the mark has lost its long-term credibility.

ERM membership can no longer guarantee stability and low inflation, if devaluations and realignments are once again part of the ERM's stock in trade. Of course, the Treasury will continue to claim, as it said yesterday, that the probability of any realignment involving Britain is "zero". But the markets will recall that all 12 European finance mininsters, chaired by Norman Lamont, said precisely the same thing about an Italian realignment only ten days ago.

Stock markets, page 20 Finally, Sunday's events exist, Europ Italy's impotence, page 21 have probably transformed distinvent it.

the prospects for European monetary union. A full-scale monetary union could still follow a "yes" vote but the plans for EMU in the Maastricht Treaty may have to be dramatically amended. On one hand, the progress to-wards EMU will have to be even faster than Maastricht's five-year timetable if whole project is not to be blown off course. On the other, the independent and democraticalunaccountable European Central Bank that was planned to be at the heart of

EMU is no longer plausible. The model for the ECB was the Bundesbank but the German bank's clumsy handling of German monetary policy. followed by its humiliating defeat yesterday, is likely to make European politicians and electorates think again.

The weekend's events proved that there is no such thing as a politically independent central bank. They also proved something more im-portant. A central bank that was genuinely independent could never be entrusted with economic management in a democratic state. If a truly independent central bank did exist, Europe would have to

England and Wales will be

Conference sketch

Putting a toe in the water

Macleman; then, excit-by his only reference to his de Sancha and the loids, and voice all a-ver, he said it again. icious . He moved gust the Lib Dems to as Fun spokesman when in Britain who uld not stoop to a Mellor Lt would do Mr Macmin no end of good to this toes sucked, if neccisity by force, one toe offis-fittle-plggy-went-to-market-style for each of the ter letters in lubricious: Here at Harrogate, dislief stalks the conference centre. At Brighton in three weeks it will stalk the promenade. At Harrogate, Liberal Democrats shake their heads in disbelief that they did not win. At Brighton, Tories will shake their ads in disbelief that they

ubricious!" cried Robert

did. Liberals know that they are a band of saints and are amazed that the country does not see it. Tories know they are a cart-load of monkeys and are amazed that the country

has not found them out. Thus failure bruises a Liberal but does not crush him. At Harrogate several thousand indestructibles are picking themselves up and vowing to carry on. Maybe next time? Of course Paddy promised it last time, but is greeted now as parents greet a little boy who said he was running away to America, and got 30 yards. "Well, Paddy, how was America — or

didn't it quite work out?" Fondly he is received back into the Liberal bosom. Speaking of which, minds turn to Nancy Secar, who told us yesterday how the pound might be sup-ported. But how is Lady Secar supported? With the voice of Madame Arcati and the bearing of a galleon in a heavy swell, the baroness retains her poise when all we know about centres of gravity insists that she should fall forward on to her face. Yesterday, rocked by the force of her own argument during a powerful passage about protection-ism, she let go of the lectern and stepped back. Gripped by an internal panic, I

dropped my notebook. Paddy, meanwhile, has a new venture. He is going to try being ordinary in differ-ent locations all over Britain, to see how it feels. He is to discover the people. Yesterday morning he decided to be ordinary in a building site for 20 minutes

and discover some con-struction workers but by some ghastly mischance (Heaven knows how this happenedi) a press release got out beforehand. It is hard to be ordinary with 20 cameramen following you round but Paddy tried. Wearing a white helmet (he loves helmets) Paddy nar-rowed his eyes to those fa-miliar statesmanlike shits and pecred, rapt, at a hump of reinforced concrete. Nearby, some other ordi-nary people discussed with me this phenomenon. They were navvies ...
"Who's 'ee when 'ee's at

ome then?" 'Wunerthem SDPs,

"Big booger, inee? Bigger than on IV like. Woz-"Lookin' fer votes, innee, like all the resterthem!"

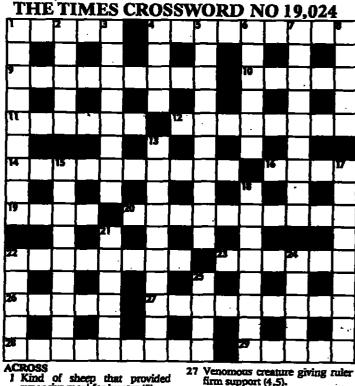
C'ad, isn't it, to find our Occupatrymen so cynical?
After a magnificently shameless pretence that the presence of journalists was a matter of regret to him, Mr Ashdown ceased being ordinary and was driven away in a big Mercedes Benz. Seeing what it is like to be an ordinary German business

For the rest of the week Mr Ashdowa will pretend to be an ordinary politician leading a normal party with a real chance of winning. just like the other two. This should test his acting powers to the limit.

He was not the only star, yesterday. It is uncommon for the earth to move after a Lib Dem debate: a solid speech on economics from shadow chancellor Alan Beith caused not so much as a tremor in the value of the Albanian lek. But then, all of a sudden, something happened. David Alton MP resigned. Well, not quite. Mr Alton said he would resign, at the next election, in protest against the pro-abortion stance his party adopted yesterday.

Alton, a convinced Catholic, is truly brave and genuinely devout: but in recent years something in his pale, distraught demeanour and the upward cast of his eyes has suggested a yearning toward martyrdom. We see him, perhaps, in stained glass, face heavenward as militant abortionists. Yesterday the nightmare came a little closer to reality.

MATTHEW PARRIS



- Kind of sheep that provided expensive meal for hunter (5)...
 Trip and block in children's
- 9 Appreciate one composer half-heartedly as source of stimulation
- 10 Race a large number to the women's quarters (5).
 11 Brook is close by river (6).
 12 Foreign author's second frightful work (8).
- 14 Appropriate sort of music for lead singer? (5,5).

 16 Bracket for street lighting (4).

 19 One of the old people selected by audition (4). 26 Hit in retreat? Use this to avoid a
- shot in the dark (10).
 22 Musical work in A flat, left out as 23 Food from sea urchin one fin-
- ishes off (6). 26 Sign office staff don't keep secret
 (5).

 This island in Southern ocean's rocky (9).
- Solution to Puzzle No 19,023 MEMORIAL TISANE A O A D R U E NOTICEABLE BACK NOTICEABLE A O I P N O E N S
- firm support (4,5). 28 Artist's tale recollected in section of poem (9)... 29 Beat seeds (5).
- DOWN I Following the book, knowing the legal position (9). 2 Locked up with five different keys 3 Reveals, around radioactive core,
- such emissions? (4,4).
 4 Succeed in putting out everything, we hear (4)... 5 Carriage in place to drive off about one (4,6).
- 6 Heroic revolutionary who hasn't been left alone? (2-4). 7 Sensational obsession about royal misfortune (9)...
- 8 Author completed diamond negotiation (5). 13 Source of income that can pay for one's fare (4.6).
- rocky (9). 17 Cat reportedly on watch for bird 18 Flier in jet with explosive device underneath (8).
- 21 Gift for fairytale character (6). 22 Money that's not quite enough for novelist or composer (5). 24 Giri married gardener's son (5). 25 Turned no odd characters away
- The Fifteenth Book of The Times Crosswords published by Times Books, 77-85. Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8JB, is now on sale at bookshops,

— reverse, in fact (4).

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

a. Bread dumplings for soup b. Acanthus moulding c. Hare's droppings IRIDAL o. Lase a rampow c. Porous, letting water through BATHYSIDERODROMOPHOBIA a. Star-gazing
b. Fear of undergrounds
c. Aversion to having a bath PETROUS a. Stemy
b. Terrified
c. Telling lies

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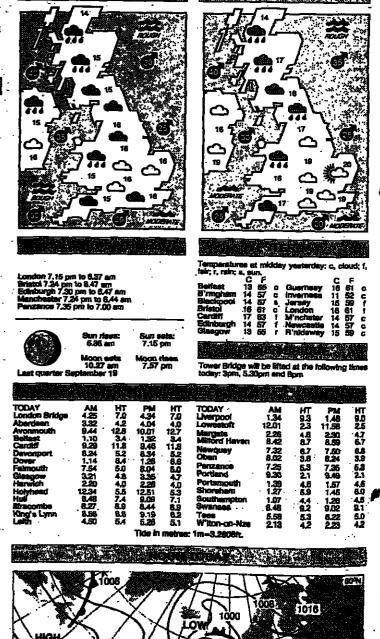
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In an extract from his new book, Neil Lyndon attacks the 'myth' about domestic violence

Who gives a damn about the battered man?

man. The assumption underlines all feminine argument and is used, to powerful effect, to denigrate father-hood and to sanctify the purity of another love.

So completely has the public absorbed the battered-woman image that it has become genuinely difficult to set out the facts. For instance, how many cases of domestic violence are reported to the police? The Metropolitan police reckon that they respond to "about 25,000 calls a year, an extrapolation for London as a whole drawn from research in specific areas".

Dr Susan S. M. Edwards has studied the records of station messages received over six months at two divisional police stations, Hounslow and Holloway. From this she asserts that: "The number of women who officially reported violence to the police in the Metropolitan police district alone in one year was estimated at 58,000."

How did she get that number? It looks as if Dr Edwards has simply taken the results of her research in those two police divisions and multiplied them by the number of divisions in the Metropolitan police district as a whole. If I am right, the extrapolation is worthless.

Think about it: are Hounslow and Holloway to be equated with Highgate, Finchley, Dulwich, Greenwich and Chiswick? Even if we assume that Dr Edwards has got it right in Holloway and Hounslow, it would be simply preposterous if she had adduced from those specific figures a general picture of the incidence of domestic riolence in Greater London. She would be making out that diferences in income, employment, housing, racial tension and family structure make no difference to the frequency with which men and women living together get into

Doubtful as her research method appears to have been, it has been endorsed by official bodies including the police. Quoting Dr Edwards, the Police Monitoring and Research Group declares that over two years, London police stations received between two and two-anda-half calls a day relating to domestic incidents. This would average out at more than 1,000 calls a week to the whole Metropolitan police district.

Thus a suspect figure emerging from an undisclosed statistical method has been officially received.

We are about to receive another doubling, another magnification by 100 per cent. In 1990, The Independent published a column of mine in which I questioned a policy newly inaugurated by John Patten, then minister of state at the Home Office, promising to "crack down" on violent men in the home. I suggested that the Home Office's

figures had been bent to supply a alse picture of domestic violence. My article drew an angry reply from Sandra Horley, the director of the Chiswick Family Refuge, who asserted that "abuse of women is a

huge issue". She said: "The Metropolitan police receive approximate-100,000 calls a year from women who are trying to escape male violence." Ms Horley's figure was subse-

quently taken up by Rosalind Miles, another writer on feminism. Dr Miles has given it as a fact that in the London area alone, more than 100,000 women a year need hospital treatment after violence in the home. How can it possibly be true? If the population of the London area is, say, five million, then 2.5 million are female. Of those 2.5 million, about 750,000 will be in the age range 20 to 40, in which violent domestic altercations almost entirely occur. So, if 100,000 women a year require

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hospital treatment after violence in the home, that means that one in every seven-and-a-half women is so badly hurt in domestic fights that they require treatment in, at least, the casualty outpatients' wards.

Ask yourself: how many women in all your life have you known to require hospital treatment after a domestic fight? I know of one. One. In relationships over the past 25

years, I have four times been involved in rows which ended in blows. I have twice slapped a woman's face with my open hand. On two of these occasions, I was the one who got more badly hurt my bleeding nose and lip and the deep scratches on my face were not matched by any injuries 1 inflicted

Drink was involved in at least three of the four scenes, as were hysteria, exhaustion and the kind that you might be in for a lifetime of misunderstanding and hostility. Each of these unseemly and shocking incidents could be called a

fight. The women were, beyond question, doing their utmost to hurt me. I can say, with absolute truthfulness, that I did not use more than a fraction of my strength or my power to injure; and, in two of the four scenes, I was using my strength to diminish injury. No medical treatment was required for any of the trivial injuries sustained by either combatant.

On each occasion, however, the woman acted as if her violence did not count, as if the injuries and pains she had inflicted did not exist. I was made out to be the sole

I want to suggest that a broader and more general picture of domestic violence may be drawn from these accounts. Where rows between men and women lead to fights, the violence is often two-way. Drink is often to be found in the picture. Injuries caused are very often slight and accidental.

If you visit a hospital on a Friday night, you will see men as well as women being brought in for treat-ment following domestic fights. The women may outnumber the men by, say, three to one; but the men's injuries tend to be more gruesome. Women's injuries are often the result of bare-handed blows from their men, so their faces and bodies get bruised, noses broken, ribs cracked or internal organs ruptured. Men's injuries commonly result from the use of some weapon: they are stabbed, slashed, scalded and whacked with every domestic implement which comes to hand, from the carving knife to the cast-iron saucepan and

its boiling contents. When Mr Patten launched his crackdown against violent men at home, he reminded the public that 44 per cent of all women who are murdered are killed by their husband or the man they are living with. This sounds like an unspeakably hideous fact if you give it only glancing attention. But there is another way of looking at it.

ow many females would you guess are murdered in a year? The answer in 1987 is 147 (it was an average year). For women between the ages 16 to 40, the figure - precisely 44 per cent of the total - is 65.

Sixty-five women were murdered by their husbands or lovers. Does that number strike you as being so

mortality statistics you will see that 216 females died in 1987 from choking on their food. Three hundred and five died from falling on the stairs. One hundred and twenty-four died of "excessive cold". If you keep on looking, you will see that, in the same year, 1,435 women were killed in road traffic accidents and 20,000 women died from respiratory ailments connect-

ed with smoking. Now I ask you: in the context of those figures, do you feel that an appropriate sense of judicious balance is being brought to bear on the 65 women who were murdered by their men? If you answer "yes, most certainly: their fate is the ghastly proof that men brutalise women". then you must answer a further question: why does nobody give a

About nine per cent of all murders of males in any year are away from violent men. That would committed by their spouses. That makes about 20 murders of men in England and Wales. The number, like the number of women murdered, is reassuringly small; but if you want to say that the murder of women by their men exemplifies some kind of grand political scheme, then you have to admit that the deaths of those men

murdered by their wives or lovers?

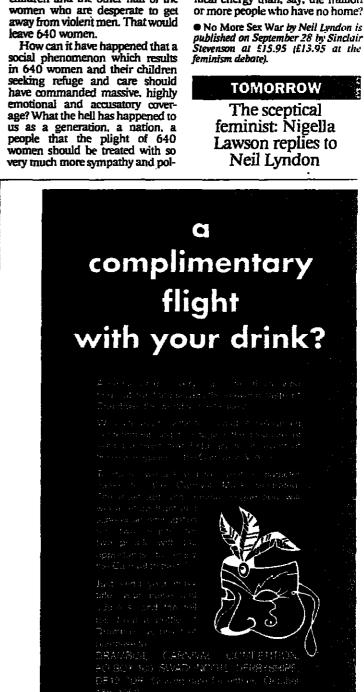
complicate the picture. The killer blow with which the sisters and their followers try to extinguish argument on domestic violence is to say that every women's refuge in this country is filled to overflowing. So how many women would you guess are being housed in refuges throughout the country at any one time? Thousands? Tens of thousands?

i got the answer from the National Women's Aid Federation. It says there are "approximately" 1,280 places of sanctuary for women and their children in England. Two-thirds of those 1,280 might be children. Let's say that half the number is made up of

leave 640 women.

social phenomenon which results in 640 women and their children seeking refuge and care should have commanded massive, highly emotional and accusatory cover-age? What the hell has happened to us as a generation, a nation, a people that the plight of 640 women should be treated with so

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alarming that it should call for "a of despair which comes over you in revolution in the way that police damn about the men who are the middle of the night knowing What do you think? If you want to put forward your views, write to Feminism Debate, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN

Men do not always get their own way, as court decrees on custody show

Fathers targeted in the battle of the sexes

births are to unmarried women. An incalculable number of those women will subsequently marry the fathers of the children; but millions do not. We cunnot guess how many of the women who choose not to marry are directly influenced by the cardinal axioms of the sisterhood. But it seems fair to imagine that a loud and fashionable establishment which declares that it is more than all right for a girl to go it alone must have some influence on the artitudes of those women. Do they ever stop to think what they are doing to men?

Unmarried fathers have no undisputed rights of paternity. They might not even register the birth of their baby. The mother might, with unchallengeable legal authority. refuse the father any right to see or to be with his child and remove the children to another place, even to another country, without his con-sent. The 1901 Children Act is intended to afford to unmarried fathers the right to acquire parental responsibility on the same terms as married fathers; but we cannot, at present, guess how it will work in

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Nothing in my adult life has been more painful than to witness the devastations in the lives of some of my young men friends from that renunciation of formal contract in

ore than 25% of all live their relationships with the women who bore their children. Though they bear a share of responsibility for their circumstances, those men have suffered an offence which ought to be criminal. It ought not to be allowable in law for any parent, married or not, to remove a child from another parent without consent. This is such an obvious human right that it is astounding to find that it has been unasserted and unprotected, that unmarried men have been simply powerless to resist if the mother of their children takes a fancy to remove them. Those men have had, it goes without saying, no such power themselves. Any man who swipes his child and denies the mother rights of access is likely to find his mug on the front-pages of the gutter rags. It should be so: kidnapping children is a crime of such terrible power that it should be discouraged by all means: but that boot should be made to fit both feet of a parental union, marital or not, broken or intact. The elimination of the father has

always been an essential purpose of the sisterhood. The assaults they have mounted upon marriage and the "bourgeois" family may be seen as strategic ploys, clothed in ideological humbug and mumbo-jumbo, which were intended to vitiate men's rights of paternity and to transfer all parental rights to 'Men who wish to have more time with their babies are given no encouragement, no honour, no power; and no time'

According to the sententious maxims of the feminists, the family has been described as the prime theatre of sex war, in which the woman who conceives and bears her baby to term has been described as a class traitor, in which the woman who marries the father of her child and thus confers some legal rights of paternity upon him has been regarded as making an alliance of servitude with the

It should be counted among the more signal inequities of our age that men who wish to have more time with their babies are given no power; and no time. All men are are not merely secondary: they are

confined by the general presump-tion and prejudice, fostered and confirmed by a powerful strand of modern feminism, that they are, at best, reluctant parents.

If you think that men automatically get their own way in all conditions and circumstances of family and professional life in our society, you have to ask yourself why it should be that they so infrequently get what they ask for in the divorce courts of our land.

Look at those courts. See what the law assigns to fathers who wish to keep a close connection with their children to have an active share in their care and upbringing. Those men may, if they are lucky, be granted what the courts are pleased to deem "substantial" access.

The granting of "substantial access" may mean that the father will be allowed to have his children to stay with him for two Saturday nights a month. He may be given the right to meet the children from school one afternoon a week and give them their supper. And he may be allowed to have the children stay with him for a week during each of the Christmas and Easter holidays and a formight in the

Those arrangements, determined by the courts, give a picture of our collective view of fathers and encouragement, no honour, no their importance. Fathers' rights

peripheral, marginal, decorative. Men as fathers are held to be emotional accessories to the main business of child-care which is seen, by feminists and judges alike, as being the essential concern of

womankind. This cast of mind towards the divisions of child-care between mothers and fathers cannot survive. It is not only inequitable: it is also impractical, impolitic and damaging. In an age when women are required to be at work in the same numbers as men - which must be counted an irreversible change - it must rebound to the professional disadvantage of women if they are expected to be chiefly responsible for children; and it must be counted an intolerable injustice that men are not allowed to be equally active partners in parenthood.

The rights of men to leave from work when a baby is born may be expected to be ratified in statute soon. Britain remains one of the only countries in the developed world where men still have no rights of paternity leave: but it can't last. The laws of the EC will require adjustments to be made in the UK. My own view is that rights of parental leave must be absolutely equal for men and women.

● Neil Lyndon's Mid Life column has been held over.

HAMILET: For one month only, Alan Rickman and a splendid cust in the Danish play. Opening night Riverside Studios, Crisp Road.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING: After his rope-swinging MidSutumer Might's Dream for UFT last year, the Romanian director Alexandric Dane applies his ingenuity to another of Shall espeare's plays. This is a co-production with Cotord Stage Company and will four the regions until November Theatre Royal, Westgale Street, Bury St Edmunds (0284 769505), Longht-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

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LADY BE GOOD: Open Air's production of the first Broadway musical by George and Ira Gershwin continues is countrywide tour. Joanna Ridding and Simon Green emulate the lasonatin' rhythm of Fred and Adele Astaire. For whom it was written Bernard Cribbris is also in the cast.

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WIT'S END: Although farmous in Pussia, and analysed in depth by Stanslavsky, Griboedov's 1824 satire on high society only now receives its Smish premere
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Thus, 7 30pm; opens Fn, 7 30pm;
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■ ANGELS IN AMERICA; Thriling performances in Tony Kushner's lastinating state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, everything National (Cottesloe), South Bank, 5E1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, temoriow, 7 15pm, mat today. 1 30pm, 210mms.

☐ DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Anel Dorlman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge Penny Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast.

Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC 2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat, 8pm

THE DYBBUK: Fage Mitchell's thrifingly convincing Hassidic community where the supernatural (071-638 S891). Tonight, ton 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm

☐ FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macheth's dimb to the too, set in the world of rock bands the top, set in the word of rock dand and packed with Suffes songs. Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111) Mon-Thurs, 8 15pm, Fn and Sat, 5-30pm and 8-30pm 120mms,

☐ GAMBLERS: Oleg Menshikov, Mark Rylance, Phil Darvels in superbly staged production of Gogol's "sung" drama. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, Mic (071-328 1000), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

☐ GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar. Berlin in the Twenties Sentimental, American, entertaining Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562); Mon-Sat, Bpm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm, 120mms

☐ HECUBA: Trojan women struggle from gref to revenge engrossing production of Europides by new arustic director Laurence Boswel Gate. 11 Pembridge Road, W11 1071-229 0706) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm 105mms

THE INVISIBLE MAN: A revival of last year's merry production, prior to West End run Amazing stage tricks densed by Paul Niev Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Strafford E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Thurs, 2pm, 135mms

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily quide to arts compiled by Kari Knight

NASH ENSEMBLE: The chamber music group plays music by Debuss? (Sonata for flute wola and harp). Mark Anthony Turnage (Her Anuely for soprano and ensemble, with Rosa Mannon). Schoenberg and Straunsky, and Henn Duilleur's Les Citabons receives its first London performance Lonel Friend conducts. Purcel Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-RELDS: Sir Nenie Mariner Conducts
Smelana's overfure The Bartered Brid
Dvorák's Cello Concerto twith Matt
Haumowitzi and Tchalkovsky's Symphony No 5. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

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ROMEO AND JULIET: The Scottish

Ballet offers its contribution to this
year's plethora of Romeo and Juliet
ballets. The company is unique in Billian
in having in its repertoire John
Crani o's version of Prokofley's
Shakespeare tale, which was first
created for Carla Fraco bad in 1958
This revial by the Glasgow company
should prove one of the most popular
offerings on its current tour
Playhouse Theathe, 18 Greenside
Place, Edinburgh (931-557 2590).
tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Thurs, Sat,
2.30pm.

OLD MASTER DRAWINGS. The OLD MASTER DRAWNINGS. The Ashmolean haz one of the greatest collections of Old Master drawings in the world. Normally only a small percentage is on show, but the European Arts Festival has persuade the museum to bring out some of lite.

shield Masterius free the sound African parist and satophone player, whose Celebration was nominated for the British Marcury Album of the Year Jazz Cafe, Parkway, London NW1 (071-284 4358), 9pm.

Jeremy Kingston's asse of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only
Some seats available
Seats at all prices

THEATRE GUIDE

■ JUNE MOON: Naïve songwriter conquers Tin Pan Alley. Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. kaufman Excellent cast. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mail Sat dim.

☐ THE MADRAS HOUSE: Roger Aliam heads a strong cast in Granvi Barl er's proto-ferminst, senous r's proto-feminist, senous dy, set in a fachion house Lyric Hammersmith, Fing Street, W6 081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7,30pm. mats Wed, Sat. 2,30pm 160mins

MURDER BY MISADVENTURE: Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play come waters who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other run-ofthe-mill thniler Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867) 1119) Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat. 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 120mms. ☐ PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COME!: hish emigrant and his carping after ego A rewal to be chenshed. Wyndham's, Channg Cross Road, WC24071-867 11161. Mon-Fr., Spm.

Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mms T PYGMALION: Alan Howard Frances Barber in a Howard Dawes production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the text to a dever design Mational (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, 7,15pm.

☐ SHADES: Pauline Collins tom between her child, main and mannerin in Sharman, Macdonald's disappointing new play, only sporadically absorbing. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat. 4pm, 120mins D SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION:

Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on human inter-dependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 1071-867 1045: Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mms.

IN THE ROUND/DESIGNS ON

IN THE ROUND/DESIGNS ON POSTERITY: The contemporary medal is a much collected but crinically neglected art-torm. The Federation internamenale de la Médaille, lounded in 1937, holds biennial exhibitions, and this year's, the first to be held in Britain, brings together more than 1100 medals by 600 artists. Also a Salon des Refuses and a show of medals issued by the British Art. Medal Society, now ten years old, including three unissued, unadublished medals by Henry Moore for the 900th anniversary of Chichester Cathedral in 1975.

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British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-323 8525), Mon-Sat,

10am-5pm, Sun, 2.30-6pm, until Oct

THE FALL: The album Code Selfish shows Mark E. Smith and his mavencks at their creative best. No doubt they will pull out all the stops for this home-

SUEDE: The glam rock darlings emion some warm-up gigs before an extensive UK (pur where they will defend their Metody Maker monike best new band in Britain.

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.THEATRE

Oedipus leads uneven trilogy

THE stylistic problem facing a director who seeks to unify the three plays devoted to the family of Oedipus is that Sophocles wrote them over a period of half a century. Antigone's defiance of Creon, chronologically last in the story, was written first, followed 12 years later by the drama of her father's fall. And when Sophocles was 90 he defied,

it is said, his own rebellious sons and wrote of the aged Oedipus's persecution by his sons before he found his noble death in the grove at Colonus. John Shrapnel's Creon grows consistently along the line of plays, from an injured member of the royal family

through thuggery in time of war to the final stubborn despot. But Oedipus changes from the guilty victim of Oedinus Tyrannos to an innocent who happens to have fathered, for reasons unexplored, odious sons; and in the play centring upon Antigone she unexpectedly shows herself so enamoured of her brother that for his sake she relishes a premature death.

The plays are set in Thebes. Colonus and Thebes, and Adrian Noble's Royal Shakespeare Company production develops the rhythm in this progression by covering the Theban stage with smoking tarmac (the earth, presumably, in revolt) where Colonus, close to safe and peaceful Athens, is given a strong and central rock. The Elders of Thebes wear key-patterned robes and bristling whiskers - in silhouette very like figures on Greek vases - while their Athenian counterparts sport bulging half-masks and swollen skirts.

Despite their quaint resemblance to a tribe of Sydney Greenstreets dressed in crinolines, this Chorus brings a

The Thebans

Barbican

cohesion to the Colonus play that I did not find in the surrounding pair. The designer Ultz gives it a mainly oriental look, though this does not extend to the Theseus of Philip Voss, in sonorous voice and a blue suit. But Gerard Murphy's Oedipus is clay-smeared and grey, like a Chinese ceramic figure, and Joanne Pearce's Antigone enters crouched on his shoulder like

some ivory goblin. To Ilona Sekacz's loud percussion. played from two bamboo cradles suspended either side of the stage, the Chorus sing, dance, stamp and process in a manner carefully distinguished for each lyric outburst, though the sheer number of these in the course of the five hours so watching the stage does become tiring as the evening advances towards its close. What is admirable is the involvement of Oedipus himself in one of the dances, leading the Chorus yet one with it, in a mood of reckless joy I have never before seen presented like this.

Murphy's powerfully spoken Oedipus is an autocrat of iconic grandeur whose movements in his first scenes suggest a breathing, gilded statue. Though he wears no mask his stiff face is mask-like, snapping his mouth tight after speaking. When later in the first play, after one of the rare lines of comedy, the trap begins to close. Linda Marlowe's Jocasta freezes and Murphy's huge eyes glitter, soon to be caked in bright scarlet.



An ivory goblin captured: Antigone (Joanne Pearce) in the clutches of the Chorus during the Royal Shakespeare Company's The Thebans

Timberlake Wertenbaker's newly translated version is generally clear but introduces some poor revisions. It is no improvement to describe Oedipus's bloody eyeballs hanging over his chin. and the counsel she puts into the mouths of the Athenian elders -"Cease to lament. all is under control" - adds an irony not present in Sophocles. Even though these men are

cliché-mongers, there is bathos, not resignation, in their advice that "not to

be born wins the day". The trilogy seems to decline in power through the plays. If this is a consequence of presenting them as a trilogy a disservice is being done to the final

MAN may be only a naked forked radish but how he can talk. Tom Kempinski's new play depicts the voluble vegetable in analytic mood, as merciless to itself as to its listeners. "This is a play about Tom Kempinski's analysis," announces the narrator (John Castle, playing Kempinski himself): and there follow dips into the

psychiatric sessions that have apparently lasted 12 years so far. The author is a successful playwright, and the new work is so nakedly honest about his life and career that criticism is almost brutal. He concisely recounts the youth of a bright son of German Jewish immigrants, an abortive Cambridge career, politics, sexual demands on his first wife, his great success with Duet For One (another two-hander for analyst and patient) and references to a failed marriage

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the fear of going upstairs, of the toilet and bathroom — "I haven't washed for four months," he confesses when we first meet. The terror continues sporadically. Even after Castle has shed both scruffiness and a stone in weight, relapses occur. Messages on the doctor's answering machine speak of the terror of leaving the house; and the play ends with Kempinski's credo: Truth, freedom and the struggle ag-

his terrors are never properly defined. When, 50 minutes into the play, Kemoinski is still pulling

wanting to leap upon the American foster-sister from his wartime host family — the prospect seems, unhappily, limitless; and sure enough, he is facing the fact that he wanted his father dead, though nobody actually mentions Oedipus. Worse, the writer feels torn between his natural and his American mothers.

The play is more intriguing on the subject of generic guilt. "I feel responsi-

ble for the death of the Jews in the gas chambers," he wails. Most fascinating of all is the genesis of his later plays: the guilt that inspired The Beautiful Part of Myself, the telephonic relationship with a similarly handicapped Ameri-can actress that inspired Separation.

Madeleine Wynn's production in this Earls Court venue -short scenes between patient and doctor - avoids self-pity. Castle has the author's selfmockery and ability to deflate the pretentious. He sulks at personal slights, flies into petulant rages, shows cunning as well as vulnerability. Ronald Wood is a scrupulously understated foil, a doctor who sounds appropriately sage but never sentimental: beautifully balanced in a tricky role. The play may portray self-indulgence, but avoids it.

MARTIN HOYLE

CONCERT

Partners in virtuosity

Prometheus is a time-honoured one for those familiar with this conductorless chamber orchestra from America. Beethoven's ballet music. The Creatures of Prometheus, endeared British audiences to the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra when the New York ensemble first recorded the work, and it has become something of a theme tune for

the band ever since. Excerpts from the ballet music acted as overture to the first of the orchestra's three London concerts. The performance bore all the Orpheus hallmarks: fizzing repartee, swiping attack, sharp cueing from desk to desk. The players' true virtuosity and -- more important - their maturity as a group was revealed in the Schoenberg Chamber

Symphony No 1 which ended the evening. So brilliant were the individual colours of the 15 players, so disciplined and structured their preparation of the piece that it came to life more than ever as a striking aural counterpart to a canvas by Kandinsky. Both composer and arrist shared a striving for vivid abstraction, for a concentration of the primordial elements of sound and tone. Here, in the hands of the Orpheus, the colours were still bright

Orpheus **Chamber Orchestra** Festival Hall

and wet: the five notes of the solo viola and cello rising to a luminous woodwind chord, or a wind phrase reverberating on the vibrato of the strings.

The performance was preceded by Webern's early and lush Langsamer Satz. This was a chamber orchestra really playing chamber music, as the four string voices worked on transforming one motif after another in best Brahmsian style.

Before this came a return to the First Viennese School with Mozart's Piano Concerto in C. K503. Alfred Brendel was the soloist, very much at the helm in the absence of anyone on the podium. With his companion-in-arms, the Orpheus's elected leader for this piece, stamping her dainty foot lustily, and all but working-out from the concertmaster's chair, this was a vigorous, sharply defined performance, yet one which was never quite at ease with itself.

OPERA

Young talents misled

BRITISH Youth Opera seasons seem to be settling into a pattern of one good production and one bad, a pattern that one prays will not turn into a tradition. After their sound Carmen came a Cosi of depressing superficiality. It was set at the time of the Gulf War, and we were in the company of nice. Home Counties gels. Their fiancés were naval officers, returning as Saudi businessmen, and most of Act II took place during a Glyndebourne dinner interval. But we never really knew who Despina was. Don Alfonso was no philosopher, but an objectionable yuppie with a mobile phone.

Jamie Hayes's staging, in a neatly adaptable set by Ruari Murchison, in general imposed gags and business from outside rather than drawing cornedy from the text. This kind of production has been increasingly prevalent recently. It is apparently devised to give sponsors as painless a night out as possible a few jokes; plenty of unscripted action by minor figures while principals are trying to play a scene; nothing to disturb; nothing to probe; nothing to question why Da Ponte wrote all those words and Mozart all those notes.

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line is between postgraduate and full professional performances. Nathan Berg's Guglielmo (meaty middle register, fine sense of musical line) and Andrew Burden's Ferrando (accurate. well tuned, sweet of timbre) were embarrassingly more accomplished than their senior colleagues in Glasgow last week, and Christopher Gayford conducted with more warmth and variety of response than had Justin Brown for Scottish Opera.

Susannah Glanville (Fiordiligi) and Emma Selway (Dorabella) oversang too often; when Glanville took the pressure off for "Per pietà", most sensitively delivered, the full extent of her promise was revealed. Otherwise, the relentless forte-to-fortissimo from them, and from Liza Pulman's rather shrill Despina, grew wearisome. It was not their fault, any more than it was John Neale's that his Alfonso had to be so unappealing. Young singers deserve the best guidance; on this occasion they did not appear to have had it.

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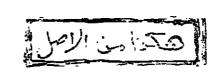
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The film reveals the facts about the early-20th-century English composer and Master of the King's Music that the music encyclopaedias unaccountably omit — as is evident by the fact that Russell's wife. Hetty Baines, plays a stripper. Glenda Jackson, unforgettable star of Russell's Tchaikovsky bio-pic, The Music Lovers. also appears in the Bux film. which will be transmitted on November 15.

Late result

FOR her role in Roberto Rossellini's Europa, Ingrid Bergman was awarded the Volpi Cup for best actress at the Venice Film Festival of 1951. Then, controversially, the award was denied her on a technicality, her dialogue in the film having been dubbed. At the time, she was also widely criticised and castiguted for her affair with the film's director.

Forty-one years on, there has been a change of heart and the late star's son. Robertino Rossellini, received the trophy on her behalf at the end of this year's festival. It is the original cup, about two feet high, which had been engraved at the time but was never handed over. The present-day equivalents are rather smaller.



Last chance . . .

Handel's Messiah, the exhibition "A Fine Entertainment" (Pallant House Gallery in Chichester, 0243-774557) has assembled portraits of the composer (not all flattering). the original hand-written score of Messiah and much Handeliana beside. The show ends on Saturday.

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But finally, it is the faces one

contemporary portraiture.

portraits, that is just as it should be.

Norfolk Portraits, Castle Mu-

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carries away with one, back to the streets. In a show of local

the much vaunted residencies — will crash down if it is not built on a solid foundation of widespread musical appreciation. Nurturing that appreciation in nine-year-olds must be a

Ingrid Bergman: her

CELEBRATING 250 years of

Galleries: John Russell Taylor finds Norwich Castle Museum and the town crowded with quintessentially English faces, both past and present

iven that we are now tural society, few things are more surprising than the continuity of the English face. The streets around Norwich Castle are teeming with faces that might have stepped straight out of the Castle Museum's resplendent show of Norfolk Portraits. Indeed, one need not go so far. one of the gallery assistants, applying the last few dabs of paint at the private view, proved to be the spitting image of Dawson Turner

and famous have been able to enjoy the latest that London has to offer, and at the same time retain a strong sense of

All this shows up in the exhibition. There is certainly tication among the works on show, which range in time from the mid-15th century

than their parents have done.

right up to Tom Wood's portrait of Timothy Colman, completed last year. There are two characteristic Hogarths, both commissioned by locals. One is the famous conversation piece of The Cholmondeley Family (1732). one of his finest contributions to the English rococo. In the other the only conversation going on is between its unforfunate subject and his chamber pot Francis Matthew

too partial to strong liquor. and so his wife commissioned Hogarth to paint him in bed. vomiting after a normally heavy night. The taste of this particular piece was considered coarse enough for the 19th century to draw a veil over it, or more precisely cover it with a newspaper, which cunning overpainting made it look as though Schutz were eagerly reading. Fortunately the pic-

ture's moral is now again allowed to shine forth. Considering the unmistakable local awareness of artistic fashion, it is perhaps not surprising that the show boasts many important names: not only Hogarth, but

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the royal family being local residents ever since the future Edward VII bought Sandring-ham), Hilliard, Van Dyck, Reynolds, Ramsay, Sargent and even Francis Bacon, who has portraved Lisa Sainsbury in his own inimitable style. With a few exceptions, howev-

here in a lacklustre manner. Perhaps our expectations are automatically too high. On the other hand, artists of relatively little fame, and sometimes of total anonymity,

er, the biggest names perform

do attract the eye. One of the earliest pictures to remain in the memory, for example, is anon's artless image of The Tasburgh Family



(1615/16), in which a brood of

six gaily bedecked children are

presided over by their puffy and mournful-looking mother

in deepest black. She was, it

seems, unhappily married, which is suggested as a reason

for the absence of the husband

- though if that were the

Contented: Sir Robert and Lady Buxton and their daughter Anne, by Henry Walton

Unfortunately, the success of a television documentary is not measured by the route it takes but by the insights it provides. Last night amounted to little more than a reinforcement of certain stereotypical images, such as that provided by the Broken Spoke and by a group of rodeo riders in Oklahoma, who expressed a longing for the old frontier days of guns and cattle and beans cooked over wood fires.

in a classic, finned convertible from Detroit's halcyon days and set them lose on this road and you will get, I suppose, the insights they think we are expecting rather than anything fresh. Indeed, Tingle, especially, and Schroeder seemed more surprised to find this other America than I was, but then I have lived with countless British documentaries about the States.

dame Tussauds, and why they continue to queue to see it.

American series about Britain.

something that the transatiantic documentary industry is reluctant to provide. Ruby Wax has done it in a small, showbiz way but a serious attempt to hold up a mirror (it only fogs when we hold it up ourselves) would provide these too-insular islanders with a jolt from which they could only

typal Broken Spoke, as indeed we know Archer City, Texas, the ghost town put on the map by writer Larry McMurtrey and, definitively, by Peter Bogdanovich in a film version: The Last Picture Show. The reality we saw last night was too close to the so-familiar

deeper in the heart of Texas.

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Pied Piper hands over his pipe **Richard Morrison** reports on a huge educational project just begun by 16 British orchestras

n Thursday, when the London Philharmonic takes the platform for the first time as the Festival Hall's resident orchestra, you will probably hear a lot of portentous flannet about "the dawn of a new era in British orchestral life". If this is a dawn, it has been preceded by some very dark hours. A two-year squabble, as the South Bank strug-gled to annoint one orchestra while keeping the others sweet, has certainly cast doubt on the thesis that music is the food of love. The only

winners so far are the lawyers.

Perhaps the South Bank Centre's dreams will come true. The LPO's playing might improve so much that all the ranks of music critics can scarce forbear to cheer. London's concert-goers might suddenly discover their courage, and crowd imo not the numbingly familiar parade of Brahms and Mahler, but nights of scintillating adventure. The London Symphony Orchestra, sit-ting pretty at the Barbican on a cushion of massive City of London Corporation subsidy, may be given proper competition. London's musi-cal life might become as exciting as

Berlin's, or at least Birmingham's.
Unfortunately it will be months
before the public notices real differences. The repertoire for this season is about as unexpected as egg and chips in a greasy spoon. Orchestral life desperately needs renewal, but do not look to the South Bank on

Thursday for the revolution. Look, rather, at an astonishing project which starts next January. It has hardly been publicised, yet upon its success (and that of follow-ups) rests the very survival of palaces of

culture like the Festival Hall. This is a revolution that has united 16 of Britain's orchestras fiercely competitive beasts, all of them — on one mission. It involves 40,000 primary-school children, thousands of teachers, and the Orkney-based composer Sir Peter Maxwell Davies — whose Orkney the themes. The beauty of the project Wedding with Sunrise proved to be is that the musical process — getting children to rework pre-existing the unexpected hit of the Last Night of the Proms. The project has a £300,000 budget, and the funding ideas, showing how new can be created out of old, and how undisciof that, too, has brought together a plined "industry" can stifle natural rare alliance: subsidy from all four creativity — perfectly mirrors the environmental theme.

Primary school children making music: Sir Peter Maxwell Davies will be allowing them to determine many aspects of his new piece, The Turn of the Tide

orchestras are doing this: a feeling that their own survival depends on it. And they only need look across

the Atlantic for motivation. In one

American city after another, orches-

tras have gone into steep decline

because they neglected to widen the base of their support. Instead, they

relied complacently on patronage

'On the success of such projects

Foundation for Sport and the Arts, and sponsorship from Shell UK. Finally. The Turn of the Tide will be performed in 25 concerts across . Everything revolves around a new the country. Large numbers of Maxwell Davies piece commissioned by the Association of British Orchestras. The piece is called *The Turn of the Tide*, a clever title for a children will be mingled with the orchestras, playing their part along-side the professionals. The orchestras range from big ensembles such as the LSO, the City of Birmingham work that encourages children to take better care of the environment and the Hallé, to chamber groups.

Some have long pio-This is unconventional music. neered music educa-Built into it are points where the tion. The Scottish composer renounces control to the Chamber Orchestra, whose compositions for instance, runs anbased upon five simple themes nual schools' projects in Strathclyde, also devised by Maxwell Davies) are involving Maxwell Davies. To some exintegrated into the final performances. Nor will the professional musicians prepare this premiere conventionally. Many will have "adopted" a school, working with tent, this Turn of the teachers to help the children develop

Tide project is the "Strathclyde Concertos" scheme writ large. But five orchestras are venturing into music education for the first time. "A great deal of orchestras" work in the future will be outreach; making people aware of what orchestras do and can do," says Maxwell Davies. "It is, in effect, the democratisation of classical music." That is the crucial reason why

rests the very survival of palaces of culture like the Festival Hall' from the white middle classes. The ethnic minorities sensed that symphony halls were not their "territory, and stayed away. To make matters worse. American schools

hardly recognise music's existence. Too late, American orchestras have woken up to impending disaster. The Los Angeles Philharmonic inaugurated an ambitious

outreach scheme two years ago, only

afford not to.

generation here as in America.

become as alienated from the rising been devised to tie in with the national curriculum, and also - in

So the Turn of the Tide project has its choral finale — to revive class-room singing. By doing so, it sends

pline, rather than as one of the most exuberant activities known to humanity, the music profession would

to abandon it last season when

facing financial crisis. Now they and

others are trapped in a vicious circle.

They cannot afford to woo new,

young audiences, yet they cannot

perhaps less urgent. We still teach

music in schools. But the reason why

For British orchestras the threat is

many orchestral man-

agements lined up

against the govern-ment last year, in the

argument over the

national music curric-

ulum, was a fear that

if music was present-

ed to children as a

dusty academic disci-

family groups would be intact.

It is difficult to imagine that

the family in Henry Walton's

enchanting Sir Robert and Lady Buxton and their daugh-

ter Anne (c.1786) were not contented. Walton was a pupil

of Zoffany, which shows in the

lightness and elegance of this

image, with its exquisitely

toned symphony of greys. But

it would not be easy to match

the controlled informality of

this painting in any other painter this side of the Chan-

nel, except perhaps Ramsay.

traits included by the 1860s

illustrator Frederick Sandys

(born and raised in Norwich)

come as a particularly pleasant

surprise. The earliest, of Ade-

laide Mary, Mrs Philip

Bedingfield, looks much more

like a German Nazarene than

an English Pre-Raphaelite,

though Sandys was closely

linked with the Brotherhood.

Lord Battersea, is an astonish-

ing tour-de-force of large-scale

design in coloured chalks, and

looks boldly ahead (from 1877) to the 1900s. It is also

good to see a Munnings,

Daniel Tomkins and his Dog,

dating from the period when

Munnings was still a good painter, and a powerful Self-

The latest, Cyril Flower,

T or does the show fall

off after the Regency

period. The three por-

music-business edifice - concert halls, record companies, radio stations, orchestras, composers, even

a message to the government "Look

Portrait by another Norwich

what we orchestras can do to lift

musical creativity in schools, and

imagine how much else could be

Of course, sceptics will voice

objections. They will argue that

some orchestras only do educational

work because it is a condition of

their public funding; that Shell UK's

sponsorship of a conservation-based

children's project is blatant image-

massaging; and that even a project involving 40,000 children brings only a small minority of the coun-

try's school pupils into contact with

Some of this may be justified. The

Turn of the Tide may also turn out to

be the dullest thing to come out of

Orkney since the discovery of peat. I

hope not. The whole precarious

professional music-making.

done with the right incentive."

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nearly two centuries earlier in Thomas Phillips's affectionate portrait of The Turner Family. This show is about two things: the Norfolk face and Norfolk taste. The title of the accompanying book says it all: Family and Friends - A Regional Survey of British Portraiture. As a region of Britain. Norfolk is exceptional in two things: its reasonable proximity to London and the degree of distance that it has nevertheless managed to maintain, throughout the 19th century, when it contrived to remain relatively innocent of trains. Even today it is still just too remote for the average commuter. This has meant that Norfolk's great

Schutz was apparently a little

local identity and pride.

Alison Steadman

⊣he Broken Spoke is a Following its great success at the National, now transferring to the Aldwych Theatre country music dance joint in Austin, Texas. You know what modern country music is: the only musical form that could put an electric fiddle and an electric guitar in the same band and think it made any sense. The MC at the Broken Spoke is clear about where he is at, culturally speaking: "Nothin' fancy out here, none of that Pierre

He introduces the act of Jimmy Tingle, a left wing (by American standards) comedian from Boston via New York. Tingle goes down like a lead balloon but he knows when to quit. As soon as the sullen silence turns to shouts of "Get off, now," Tingle's fine-tuned sensibility to the state of an audience tells him where to go. Last night brought the conclusion of a Traveller's Tales two-parter on Channel 4. called As American As Apple Pie, in which Tingle and Alan Schroeder, a college professor. have been travelling north**TELEVISION REVIEW**

One-way traffic

south down the spine of middle America, from North Dakota to the Mexican border in Texas. The journey is a relatively unusual one, for most of America is known to the world by its borders - the Pacific coast, the Eastern Seaboard, the Great Lakes and the Deep South.

Even Oklahoma must have another side, but put two men

f you address an enquiry about Oklahoma to a native New Yorker or a Bostonian, a look of bemusement mixed with alarm spreads on their faces. I consult Americans only if I want to know what lies inside Ma-

What we badly need is an

benefit. Consider the impact, some years ago, of a single Time magazine cover story called "The Tribes of Britain". I think we know the arche-

mythology. There were entertaining moments along the way, but superficial exploration finds only a worn seam. Nuggets lie

A carnival of expats

Churchill said that one vote could swing an election.

George Hill on the Americans in Britain warming up for the presidential election

o country in the world has set out more zestfully than the United States to turn the democratic process into a carnival. On presidential election night in November. Americans in the UK will be separated by the breadth of an ocean from the nationwide party back home. They must enjoy the climax of the cam-

paign (or grieve over it) from far off. But they will be making the best of it. London on November 3 will be full of election night parties, large and small, ranging from the big traditional celebrations at the American embassy and the English-Speaking Union to smaller gatherings around the television screen in hotels and private houses as the results come in.

For the American political machines, overseas voters are a constituency well worth wooing. As Churchill said, one vote is enough to clinch an election. That just might be a postal vote, or today even a fax, from overseas. Several close results in recent years, including the contest for governorship of California in 1990, are said to have been decided by postal votes.

Nearly 40 per cent of eligible expatriates cast their votes at the last presidential elections in 1988 - a rate not far short of the perrenially low rate in the US itself. Republicans and Democrats alike have active permanent worldwide associations to make contact with potential supporters, tap them for contributions, and persuade them to register.

There are at least three million of the United States' citizens abroad at any one time. In Britain there is a constantly fluctuating population of at least 250,000. Only Germany among European countries is host to a larger number of American citizens. A high proportion of Americans in Germany are there as members of the forces. The contingent of American civilians in Britain, though the embassy keeps no exact figures, is almost certainly the most diverse anywhere outside the US. They include people in almost every area of life business, the law, education, the arts and the media, as well as tourists. wives and husbands of Britons, and

There is no American International Club in London, as there is in make a focus for campaigning. Unlike their compatriots elsewhere, Americans in the UK feel relatively little need to stick together or think of themselves as a community.

Republicans claim that two out of three exparriates here are supporters of the Grand Old Party. As they are a relatively wealthy group, many with interests in business, it is likely that many feel an affinity with the right. Democrats reply that business people and the middle classes have suffered severely in the recession, and hazard the guess that party allegiances are more even, broadly mirroring the balance in the US itself.

Seven weeks before voting day, the rival bandwagons in London are beginning to roll. The Democrats stole a march on their opponents last week with a reception at the House of Commons, at which Senator Paul



The thinking campaigner: Professor John Kenneth Galbraith attended the London rally with Senator Paul Tsongas to root for Clinton

Tsongas, a former unsuccessful contender for the party's nomination in this year's primaries, appeared with Professor John Kenneth Galbraith. the veteran gadfly of the American right, to rally supporters to the flag of Bill Clinton, and implicitly to put down a marker for Senator Tsongas's own presidential hopes in 1996.

It was a buoyant occasion, where the campaigning wisecracks of Sena-tor Tsongas and Professor Galbraith raised whoops of glee from a well-heeled audience, which ranged from

young law students, in Britain for only a few months, to residents with dual citizenship, settled in Britain for as long as 40 years, with Boston and the Home Counties weighing almost equally in

As they discussed the intricacies of the electoral college system, and enumerated the pivotal states where Mr Clinclear that they had not lost touch with events and feelings at home. However, it was equally clear, as they

donnish ironies, that they were far from being typical American voters. For Democrats Abroad, the occasion was something of a windfall. "It was organised very fast when we discovered three weeks ago that Senator Tsongas was coming to Britain," says Sally McNulty, the chair of the organisation in Britain. "It is a business visit rather than a political one, but he agreed to appear, and Professor Galbraith was coming

to London too."

John Wood, the chairman of
Republicans Abroad in Europe, has to admit that at present there are not plans for figures of equal stature from-his own party to address supporters in Britain. "When we heard that

Tsongas and Galbraith were going to be here," he says, "we tried to find a Republican senator in town to debate with them, but that did not prove possible. We plan to approach any of our people who are visiting London before the election, and try to fix up an appearance."

Mr Wood, an American who has been settled in Britain for more than 20 years, is hopeful that at least one public debate between the parties will be organised, if with less notable participants. He says: "There were

'People here are very much in touch with the real anger against George Bush in the

US over jobs and the economy. Our office is fielding 60 calls a day now'

applauded Professor Galbraith's four debates here in the weeks before the 1988 election. At the moment it does not seem likely that there will be as many this time. But debates, while fun, have little purpose. They are just a way of getting people's blood up."

One debate at least is already firmly fixed in the calendar. "We shall definitely be holding a debate on October 7, between two figures representing the parties, and two others with more detached positions," says Clare Farrow, current affairs project coordinator at the English-Speaking Union. "This year the motion will be that this house would vote Democrar. The motion alternates between the parties each

election year." The English-Speaking Union will

While Londoners are being urged to save water, a tide is rising underground, as a fascinating new exhibition shows

also hold a party on election night, attended by 500 guests at £20 a head, and there will be two separate rooms where screens will report the results. so that Republicans and Democrats can gather to endure their suspense

About 1,500 invited guests, includ-ing many British cabinet ministers and media and show business celebrities, are expected at the big election night party always held at the American embassy.

By tradition, the third principal

election night party in London is held at the National Liberal Club. This year, however, the event is apparently still in doubt with only seven weeks to go.

These indications of fewer parties and fewer debates known to the political organisers suggest that interest may be lower this year than in the past. Mrs McNulty rejects the thought: ation four years ago, and there is no comparison with the level of interest then and

what we are seeing now. There was great apathy a few months ago, before Ross Perot came into the campaign. But he certainly galvanised Democrats into paying. attention. People here are very much in touch with the real anger against George Bush in the United States over jobs and the economy. Our office is fielding 60 calls a day now."

Mr Wood is more ready to concede that there may be less interest this time: "People are certainly confused this year, much as they were confused in the UK at the time of your general election, and for similar reasons. Since the end of the Cold War, we have moved into a period where people are less focused and more uncertain. But it is also true that people who are angry do vote, and when they are happy they are less

'Mr Bush is not charismatic in the way Ronald Reagan was, but he has a way of touching people's hearts."

Registration is a constant preoccupation with the overseas organisations or the political parties. An unregistered supporter is a voteless supporter. The embassy is providing

a telephone service to advise Americans in the UK about how to register and vote. Americans abroad vote in the state where they last lived, even if they have not visited it for 50 years. Every state has its own set of regulations, and some process applications more efficiently than others. For some Americans in the UK, time to register is already getting short if they want to be sure of their votes. Most expatriates will have to make

their decision with several campaigning days still to go. In a closely matched campaign, where the presi-dent's health is already an issue, any faltering or gaffe by one of the candidates could turn the balance at the last minute.

However, there are a few states where overseas voters are getting the privilege of waiting until voting day. A few counties in California even accept faxed voting papers, in spite of authentication problems. California is likely to prove a crucial state in the national contest, so there is a theoretical possibility that faxed votes there could wing the national result. Some states also accept papers

received up to a week after the polls close, so long as they are postmarked earlier. If the result is a really close one, the proclaimed winner in November, whether Democrat or Republican, may have to wait a week in suspense, to find out whether voters from Westminster to Ougadougou have confirmed or overturned the verdict of metropolitan America.

Still famous after 50 years

Enid Blyton's agent recalls a writer whose work still enthrals children

verything used to be so cut and dried: Enid Blyton was, at best, a oke — reviled by librarians. pooksellers and the more "enlightened" sort of parent. In everyone's eyes (except, of course, those of the children for whom her books were intended) Blyton was a Bad Thing that would, it was to be

hoped, soon go away.
This week, however, sees the
50th anniversary of the first of
21 Famous Pive, books. The series -- despite having been mercilessly satirised by the Comic Strip and remaining as stubbornly dated as wincyette combinations — still sells a million copies a year. The BBC has recently acquired the rights in all of the 23 Noddy books from Robert Maxwell's ill-fated MacDonald Group. and this autumn launches a new animated television series, with the promise of

many "new" Noddy titles to come. Annual royalties on Enid Blyton's estate (she died in 1968) amount to over £750,000. Despite even the revelations that she could sometimes be not very nice - her younger daughter, Imogen, having gone on record to say that as a mother Blyton was sorely deficient — her popularity clearly shows no sign of waning. It is difficult not to

refer to Blyton as a phenomenon — an output of over 700 titles. cumulative sales amounting to upwards of 500 million copies, translated into mon languages (about 130 at the last count) than other writers, the exceptions

of Marx, Lenin. Tolstoy and Agatha Christie. She was born in 1897 into a ower-middle class household: her father — a cutlery salesman to whom she was devoted - left the family when Enid was just 13. Critics and amateur psychologists often cite this as the driving reason behind her lifelong compulsion to generate an endless and sun-kissed childhood. By the age of 22, she had

published nearly 150 articles, stories, reviews, playlets - and a book of children's verse, which ranged from the barely tolerable to the utterly dire: Once I found a fairy, in my cup of tea. She was nearly drowned and wet as wet could be." But by 1935. Blyton was publishing at a rate of knots adventures, fairy tales, mysteries — and had become the mother of two daughters, Gillian and Imogen; her husband Hugh, found Enid's colossal success rather hard to handle, subsuming his fear of redundancy by means of the time-honoured masculine tradition of drinking himself into

Divorce followed, and by the time literary agent George Greenfield came to handle Blyton's affairs in 1953, she had been happily married to Kenneth Darrell Waters, a surgeon, for over 10 years. "Her annual income was then about £150,000 [about £2m by today's values]", recalls Mr Greenfield, "But money was not really important to her. There was no side to her, but a lot was spent on good food and

wine". Mr Greenfield shudders at a memory of Blyton cooking with bottles of 1952 Château Lafitte "out of sheer ignorance". She was red-hot on contracts, though: all her publishers (up to 17 at any one time) had to agree to print at least 25,000 copies of each title, the royalty was always 15 per cent (twice the going rate) and Blyton retained power of approval over illustrations. dust jacket and even the

But what did she do when she wasn't writing? "There was almost no such time." Mr Greenfield says. "She averaged 15 to 18 books a year, much to the chagrin of her children. She was so obviously no sort of mother at all: the girls went to boarding school, but you never seemed to see them in the holidays either.



Enid Blyton and her daughters

her children. She never entertained to any degree - no great social grace, and no general conversation; she talked of royalties and sales; like most successful authors." And what about racism and

all the rest of it? "She wasn't consciously racist." Mr Greenfield says. "Although she did hate abroad. She was quite hurt when the gollywogs in Noddy were criticised; she had strong views, though - prohanging, certainly.

Did she read? "Read? No -I never saw her read. Well the odd gardening book, maybe." Was art of any importance? "No." Music? "Not at all - no, she was totally

philistine." In the early 1960s, Blyton fell victim to Alzheimer's disease. Her husband died in 1967, although she fantasised that he was still alive. She died in a nursing home in Belsize Park the following year, at the age of 71.

Blyton's legacy seems im-pregnable: her books still sell four million copies a year in the UK alone, and countless millions in translation. "I can only think that it is that sense of And is there honey still for tea?," says Mr Greenfield, "that never-never land of dormitory feasts, adventures on rocky islands and in haunted houses: it must all be highly endearing to a youthful read-ership in these rougher, tough-

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

The flood beneath the capital's feet

ondon's subterranean water level is rising by Jup to two metres a year. Yes, really. Recent media covcrage has created an impression of everything drying out. with rivers turning into mudilats, but the apparent contradiction forms a logical pattern. Much of the water extracted from England's rural streams ends up in the biggest cities, where consumption per head is far higher than it was in the one-bath-aweek days. Over the same period the manufacturing industries that used to extract water from London wells have

Buildings with deep cellars are having to have pumps installed; the high-rise blocks put up in the 1960s are experiencing particular problems, you may not be that sorry to hear. A recent report suggests that we need 30 new bore holes in central London to stem the rising flood. True, it is not an actual flood that is feared (theatre audiences in wellies, water lapping at the books on the subterranean floors of the new British Library) merely an overall increase in dampness and therefore pressure in London's day; but this causes foundations to shift and gulleys to The earth, after a long period of artificial drying out during which most of present London was built, is returning to a more natural state. When Trafalgar Square's fountains were first installed they worked off artesian wells; later. London's subterranean hydraulic company powered them; in the future they may

become ariesian again.
All this and much more can be learned at the Building Centre's current exhibition in Store Street, with pictures, models and a video montage in which leafy views of the sources of the Fleet melt into the photogenic fungus tints of

But though water, piped or seeping, is the most ubiquitous feature of the Other City beneath our feet, there are many more; my one real criticism of this exhibition is that the subject is far too diverse to be covered in one small show, and that precise explanations are sometimes,

inevitably, skimped. The designers feel this themselves: the limitations of space and cost within which they have worked are a microcosm of certain problems encountered by planners, archi-tects and utility companies. So much is crowded below



prehensive nether equivalent to the Ordnance Survey. BT does not know quite where the gas pipes run, the gas companies are not always well-informed about the London Electricity Board and nobody even has a complete map of all the sewers because the 19th-century builders that laid many of them never got together to make one. And that is before you start on the coal bunkers, car parks, cine-

mas, medieval graveyards, sil-

stations, sludge, unexploded bombs, Roman remains and the other odds and ends that make up London's underworld. It is in theory possible to make a total map. on computer, as a palimpsest of multi-dimensional projections, but even the creation of one complete small segment is an expensive enterprise and the total map remains a

In these circumstances, the remarkable thing is not that competing interests under the

each other and into trouble. but that they manage as well as they do. The basic infrastructure was almost all laid down between the Battle of Waterloo and 1914; it has merely been elaborated since. and the pragmatic agreements about levels still hold good. It makes you look with new respect at the grandiose Victorian Town Improvements such as Holborn Viaduct or the Embankment when you realise that a large but invisi-

ground sometimes run into

the construction of a world of separate tunnels: here a train or a tram, there a buried river, above these Sir Joseph Bazalgette's revolutionary sewer system that continues in use today, below the lot a pneu-matic postal railway.

It also makes you aware of the cats-cradle of problems confronting the present-day designers of the King's Cross Eurotunnel interchange or the new Tube lines now planned. For though it is tempting to linger over such Gothic oddi-ties as the lost stations, secret as bad dreams, or the one-time catacombs at Norwood Cemetery being used to store police hauls or narcotics, this exhibition is just as much a celebra-tion of present and future technological delights. You may not expect to

main, but the "ring of bright water" - the new mastermain due to start pulsing round the capital in 1996 has its passionate devotees.

At a time when London sometimes seems to be leaderless, a country in its own right currently at the mercy of various organisations and venal overlords, this exhibition is stimulating. If it opens more long-term questions than it answers, some of these may be explored further at the symposium that is planned for today and during a series of site visits. Ask the Building Centre for details.

GILLIAN TINDALL

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LIFE & TIMES TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 15 1992 Appeal of captive creatures

Conservation centres may be worthy, says John Campion, but they do sound dull. Children need to see real, live animals

all ages need a zoo. Only a return to the realities of the market will ensure the long-term survival of the one they have. With the ink barely dry on the latest reprieve. I want to suggest a modern heresy: London Zoo must return to being an unashamed

A recent programme on BBC2 suggested that the zoo's failure is a result of changing public attitudes towards keeping animals in captivi-ty. If such pressure were a real moral imperative, there would be an unarguable case for eliminating all animal captivity except what directly relates to conservation as quickly as possible: this plainly has not happened. (No such imperative has been felt at Chester Zoo, for

So why does London Zoo go even part of the way down this road, crippling itself in the process by depleting the paying attraction — its animal collection? Does it hope to avoid getting swatted by the anti-zoo lobby by displaying only a few

The fact that it is possible for antizoo people to make a stand does not imply that they must win: there is a very sizeable constituency, particularly the most important one. children, that comes to zoos precisely to see captive animals.

The zoo's parent body, the Zoo-logical Society of London, could be suspected of finding the zoo a social embarrassment. Thus it has a fatal liking for prestigious architecture probably an attempt to move the zoo upmarket — and a gate, although recently improved, incapable of sustaining it. The society wants for the zoo an internationally recognised raison d'être, which it identifies as captive breeding within a wider effort towards conservation. Conservation is not itself a money-spinner. The baby animals have lots of animals breeding

rather than a few endangered ones? There is an argument that endangered animals attract by their

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ondon and Londoners of tion - it is the diversity of a zoo's collection rather than its rarity that is the draw; there is nothing to stop

a rare animal from being dull.

London Zoo's fault lies in a failure to put the money-making functions first: all else follows. The proposal to turn the zoo into a leading conservation centre is thoroughly worthy, but as a prime draw it is boring. I am not sure I know what a conservation centre is, but I fear it is not a 200.

The search for the "modern 200" is a related red herring. It seems to be a more conscious attempt than the last to placate the anti-zoo lobby. (Do "wildlife park" and "ecology park" imply successively fewer animals, enabling fewer and fewer visitors to feel more and more

he modern zoo is likely to be strong on conservation; a few carefully chosen live exhibits will illustrate a few carefully chosen biological principles, with a fair number of explanatory static displays and the obligatory expensive showpiece the most favoured one being a transparent underwater tunnel with sharks swimming all about you. Visitors will return once or twice for this thrill while skipping the boring bits, but there is little to awaken the love which will make visiting the zoo a lifetime habit.

And there is something patronising about all that printed pasteboard when what you really came to see was animals. None of it has the elusive magic that is the holy grail of the modern zoo movement. Which is exceedingly odd, because the answer was staring us in the face all along: animals

To achieve this we do not need to shut animals up in small cages, or connive at a cruel and illegal trade: we can augment our collection by commerce with other zoos and the rare, properly constituted collecting expedition. We shall need more intelligent use of the space at Regent's Park, with lots of cheap, rarity. This is a simple misconcep- roomy wire enclosures (half a



Rare attraction: no wildlife film can match the thrill of getting close to a living, breathing panda

million pounds for the new aviary and they still couldn't get it right?). The money spent on wooing the anti-zoo brigade will be far more productively employed persuading those who do like zoos to visit ours.

A zoo is one of those felicitous inventions that civilised man used to be good at devising without knowing why and without having to justify himself: a delight impossible to pin down, like ballet. It is in our natures to love them: they are expressions of our deepest humanity. I have heard the opinion expressed that we don't want a Noah's Ark at London Zoo. It is exactly what we want.

There is a strong spiritual dimension to this: we need, whether we acknowledge it or not, a glimpse of the huge diversity of our fellow creatures, to get some idea of our

place in the scheme of the Earth's ecology and beyond: this diversity itself predicates a large and diverse animal collection.

We need to requite a serious curiosity, comparing animals and studying their differences at close quarters: to cultivate a tenderness for them as individuals and a respect for them as species; and to bring up our children among these incomparable riches. We can develop a personal rapport with animals in a zoo; with some of them, if we visit often enough, it is quite palpably a two-way affair, the public example of the keepers

devotion to their animals is a powerful civiliser. Children particularly love to touch and see and smell the animals: nothing can substitute for this experience, through which children come to appreciate and respect other species in the most direct way available to them; when they grow up they will understand the meaning of conservation better than by any amount of listlessly watching wildlife films.

These are the considerations that

bring visitors back again and again. The logic is inescapable: animals are what people come to see; the more animals, the more people. Visitors need to come away from the Zoo gobsmacked with wonder - not asking themselves where on earth did they all go?

There would be nothing like the announcement that animals are returning to London Zoo to bring the visitors flocking once more.

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Another red jelly day

ow does it feel to be seven? That's what most grown-ups ask most children on their birthday. And on examining themselves, last year's six-year-olds find no discernable difference. Young children start out believing that there will be some perceptible alteration. My front teeth will fall out. I'll be able to ride my big brother's bicycle, I'll be allowed to stay up to watch The Bill.

Children are ferociously ageist. But then, we teach them to be so. In introductions to strangers, it is question number two. After "And what's your name, sonny?" comes "How old are you?" So, having spent an entire year giving the same answer, they expect the rights and rites of passage that attend the next age up to be granted overnight. Disappoint-

ment is only diminished by other goodies that come your way on your birthday: presents of course, party. people making a fuss of you. Most of my peer

group of parents are of an age to their own birth date would slink by without notice. But for my children, their birthday is still the high point of the calendar -

better even than December 25. since you share that with the rest of Christendom. Your birthday makes you special for a day.

DAVINA LLOYD

Each family develops its own ritual. Ours starts as soon after dawn as the children can prise open the adults' eyelids.

The birthday girl or boy re-ceives a tray on which all their cards and presents under 2ft in length are arranged. The tray is decorated with a posy rapidly plucked from the garden at dead of night before. Persons under 12 get a glass jar of coloured sweets; persons over 30 get a bottle of fizz. The obligation is to share the contents with the other celebrants. If your own digestive system doesn't wake till an hour after you do, it is just as hard to murmur appreciatively over Moet as it is to suck a humbug at

6.30 in the morning. The entire tray is placed in the centre of the parental bed and the grand opening begins. With all the family heaped on the bed someone shifts a cramped limb. tips the birthday tray and the flower arrangement falls over. But the vase is only half full, and the colouring on Smarties will wash off a duvet cover.

So much for the party of the first part. Later in the day comes the party proper. Much as I have tried to sell the idea of a grownup meal at a restaurant of their choice, my youngest still hankers for a bun fight of her own. If you don't invite loadsa friends, how can you get loadsa presents?

The reason all this is so fresh, if not raw, in my mind is that I've just had two birthdays to orchestrate. By coincidence, or poor planning, my children's birthdays are two days apart.

Both birthdays fall in the

school holidays when it's less practical to round up their friends, so I have been skipping the party in favour of an alternative treat. My son

is content with a family visit to the Mandarin, provided we reserve the table with the central rotating daughter discovered in shame that her name was being dropped from the local sixgoing-on-seven party list, because she had not hosted her own soiner.

Biting the bullet. I offered a bouncing castle, a conjuror, a riverboat razzle, a knees-up at the local Methodist Hall (they will rent out their premises for almost anything), a theme party (come as a princess or a character from Star Trek) speaking persuasively about the options where jelly would be danced into carpets other than

Her choice was unoriginal and unshakeable. The only place to throw the thrash of the season was in the upstairs room of the local hamburger joint. It was hell. They do it all for you: invitation blanks, food, disco music, Blind Man's Buff, hars, a cake, take-home bags. It is still hell. Besides her two dozen "best friends" (girls in glamorous party frocks), she invited a handful of lads, including "the worst boy in our class". He dimbed the pillars, threw chips, and pursued the girls to play kiss chase in and out of the Ladies.

The children may maintain that they don't "feel" a year older at the end of their birthday day. I can only say that I do.

There are times when children must feel it is

safe to own up to their mishaps

n 11-year-old boy was so afraid of telling anyone what had happened, he left his friend trapped in a peat bog for three days. Even when a police helicopter and officers with tracker dogs were brought in to search the Brecon Beacons, the boy led them, the police said, on "a wild goose chase". It was only by luck that a man walking his dog heard Matthew Davies's faint cries for help.

How do you strike a balance

between being strict enough to keep children safe yet not so strict that if something goes badly wrong they are not afraid to own up?

We should not be hard on children who cannot face disasters they have brought on themselves, according to Seb-astian Kraemer, a consultant child psychiatrist at the Tavi-stock Clinic, London, He says, "When I was that age I was scared of grown-ups and even now there are times when I avoid, say, making a tele-phone call because it will mean admitting to having done or not done something should have done. Shame, i think, is the key. Also, children don't believe us when we say we won't be angry because when they do own up we usually are."

At Thomas Coram Research. London, they are con-ducting a survey, funded by the health department of 600 families to find out how parents bring up and control their children. Marjorie Smith, the deputy director, says: "One of the questions we are asking parents and children is. 'Have your children ever been scared of you, and have you ever been scared of your parents?"

"Democratic parents who explain why rules exist help children to make rational choices, like when it is essential to own up. But when they take an authoritarian 'do it because I say so' approach, that leads to fear. You make your child tell you the important things

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by listening. If he comes back dirty because he tried to rescue someone a parent should take a different tack.
"Children accept reasonable

punishment. If it is a fair cop the episode is closed, but if they are punished for something that is not their fault they will remember it as a great injustice."

ften it is to teachers that children turn when they are frightened. June Fisher is head of Catford County School, southeast London, where there are 800 girls between eight and 11. "The most important thing if a child is pouring out his or her secrets." she says, "is that nothing must ever appear to shock you. Group morality about incidents which will get someone else into trouble is very complex, there is a very strong code of silence, and we have to use very skilled questioning in order to break it

down. Nicky Model, a child psychotherapist at the Anna Freud Clinic, London, thinks parents have become too easygoing. There is absolutely no harm in parents making quite definite rules as far as safety is concerned," she says, "A lot of

our work is with parents who want to know when they can put their foot down. We explain they have to tell children the rules are because you love them, not because they are bad children, so if they disobey they are putting themselves at risk, not incurring parental

Mr Kraemer suggests that parents try playing a game around the table. "Ask them what sort of things they might want to keep secret, like climbing down cliffs, but which they might have to own up to, like falling down a cliff. Children can be very inventive and it would give parents a chance to talk about what to do in those circumstances."

Anne Moran, the head of Castle Town Primary School, Sunderland, which is on the banks of the River Wear, knows the difficulty of trying to teach her young pupils the dangers of drowning. "I just keep repeating my litany and hope something gets through," she says. "The difficulty is to get a bal-ance between a rational approach and becoming paranoid."

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AND BRIEFLY

Adding up to fun

MY MATHS BOX is a new learning aid for younger children or slow learners who find it difficult doing sums and looks like a game. It costs £9.99 from leading toy and bookshops such as WH Smith and John Lewis or by mail order (plus £1.35 postage) from Avanti Books, 8 Parsons Green, Boulton Road, Pin Green Industrial Estate, Stevenage, Hert-fordshire SG1 40G.

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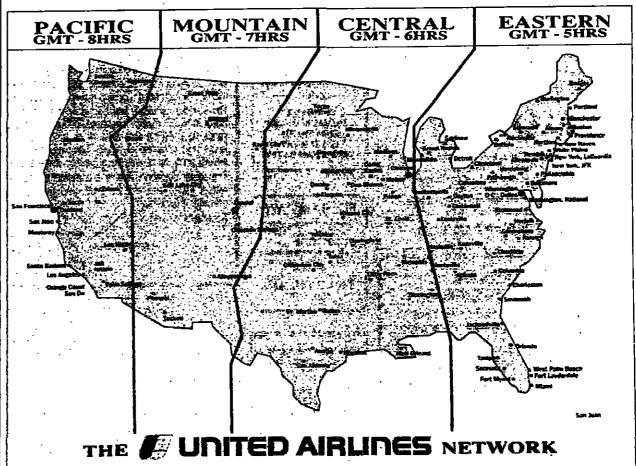


In the Great Plains

DENVER, Colorado, is the key city between Chicago and the Pacific Coast, in the middle of the Great Plains that stretch from the Mississippi river to the Rocky Mountains. Visit the Brown Palace, with its traditional Victorian decor. and the State Capitol's golden dome, from where you can see right across to the Rocky Mountains.

Many tours into the Great Plains are available. You can go to the cowboy state of Wyoming with its capital Cheyenne, famous for its lawlessness after the Union Pacific Railroad arrived there in 1867. There are still rodeos and Indian dances to be seen. In South Dakota, the Black Hills encompass great forests and lonely mining towns. At Deadwood you can gamble. and see the graves of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane while in the Wind Cave Nat-ional Park bisons still roam.

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Charlemagne's Ditch comes on stream

A canal linking the North Sea to the Black Sea is complete, 12 centuries

after it was originally started. Fabian Acker reports on its uses

he ghosts of Charlemagne and Ludwig I will be celebrating the weekend after next, together with barge-loads of European VIPs. as they cross the small ridge that separates the watersheds of the Danube and the Rhine.

The final link in a waterway that stretches like a crooked grin across the face of Europe has finally been completed. What was begun by Charlemagne, when Europe was slipping into the Dark Ages, was finished this year - 12 centuries

The canal, known for a millennium as Charlemagne's Ditch ("Fossa Carolina") provides a link between the North Sea and the Black Sea through the Danube. which flows eastwards, and the Rhine, which flows to the northwest. The two rivers are linked not only by the 110-mile canal, but also by the river Main, which connects the northwestern end of the canal to the Rhine - hence its modern name, the Rhine-Main-Danube

Canal. It will now be possible to send material (2,000 tonnes at a time) on barges from Ronerdam to the Ukraine and vice versa: barges will climb up and down almost 800 feet with the aid of hundreds of locks as they move from one river system to the other, transporting goods with the lowest energy cost (and the lowest noise), of any mechanised

esearch into the most com-

tific interest as confidence grows

that one day a cure can be found.

Researchers both in Britain and

the United States believe they are

starting to narrow in on the

underlying mechanisms which

might restore the cells linked with

sensorineural deafness, so-called

Meanwhile, tests have been car-

ried out on a naturally occurring

substance, retinoic acid, which has

been linked with the multiplication

and division of cells in a growing

embryo to see if it might assist in

Only a few years ago most

helping to restore adult hearing.

nerve deafness.

mon form of deafness is

attracting increasing scien-

transport. Recent studies in Germany have shown that carrying goods in Europe by train costs nearly three times more than carrying them by barge; road costs are six times greater.

Commercial barges are unlikely to traverse the whole route, as many of the countries involved have their own large ports. But Austria, for instance, is landlocked and Romania has no access to the Atlantic. While commercial movement over the whole route is unlikely, pleasure boat enthusiasts are already moving towards the northern waterways of Europe, ready to be among the first to cross the continent on

The success of the project has depended on the money it has generated, even before the first ship ever traverses the canal. The income derives from the sale of

electricity. Since the 1920s, while the canal was still being planned, small stations along the rivers have been generating electrical energy. the profits from which helped to finance the development of the whole project.

The highest section of the route, 1,350 feet above sea level, has no power stations. Because of the height, water will have to be pumped up to these locks and a small reservoir has been built to keep them topped up and to ensure that no boats get left, literally, high and dry.

Most of the water will be pumped from the Danube and the nearby Altmuhl river. As the vessels move down from the Danube direction the water will move with them and eventually flow into the Main.

Although locks are necessary in almost any inland navigable water-



way, they inevitably hold up traffic while they fill up and discharge. But the barrage or dam that is built around the locking system actually helps the boats move quickly.

When a dam or barrage is built across the river it creates a deeper passage than before, and because some of the curves in the bank become inundated, a straighter one too. In addition, the speed of flow is reduced in the backed-up water. Barges have a deeper passage to navigate, and need less fuel to go against the current.

One of the most important of recent techniques was the development of a lock that could fill and empty quickly without causing excessive surges. Scientists eventually came up with a system to take water in and out by a bottom inlet, so that a loaded motor barge, with a draught of 8ft and pushing two 3,000 ton units, can be lifted or lowered nearly 80ft in about 16 minutes, with barely a ripple to show for it.

The ripples have made waves. however, in the environmentalists' pond. Despite a budget of about £173 million on landscaping, the surrounding areas have been changed, and the habitat of some of the natural wildlife has been disturbed. Many claim the canal was unnecessary, arguing that the cheapest and most effective route between the North and Black seas



The Rhein-Main-Danube canal runs softly through Germany

Replacement of hair cells in salamanders may suggest how hearing could be regained

Sounds like hope for the deaf

scientists were convinced that sensorineural deafness would be an impossibility to treat.

This kind of deafness is most often the result of hair cells - tiny sprouting cells that line the inside of the inner ear's cochlea and which convert sound waves in nerve impulses - dying because of infections, loud noise and age. Loss of these tiny cells was considered a final and irreversible process.

This pessimism appears to be evaporating. The confidence has come from a series of animal studies carried out mainly since the 1980s, first on sharks and then on young chicks. Here it was found that ten days after being subjected to loud noise, the damaged hair cells of the young chicks had, in many cases, been almostly completely restored. Further studies

published in 1987 indicated that a

similiar repair mechanism existed in birds following hair cells loss caused by overdoses of antibiotics.

Until recently there was no evidence that similiar recovery was possible in mammals like man. But tests at Keele University on guinea pigs, whose hair cells have been damaged by drugs, have found that after three to four months all of the animals have regained hearing. Researchers have proposed dif-

happening in the lining of the cochlea but recent studies by Jeffrey University of Virginia using lasers and time lapse photography appear to have all but settled the argument. After carefully liquidating hair cells from the hearing organs of salamanders they managed to observe supporting cells dividing and growing into replace

ment hair cells. The team have concluded that supporting cells are indeed the parent hair cells and that they are only stopped from becoming these tiny hearing devices if they are next to a healthy

The search is now on to discover the chemical cues that might trigger this regeneration. Recently Dr Corwin and Matt Kelley, his assistant, reported that embryonic mice cochlea treated with retinoic acid developed large numbers of hair cells which, if not regeneration, might offer some clues to the chemical triggers behind hair cell

Pessimism about HIV

THE developer of the oral polio vaccine, Dr Albert Sabin, doubts that a vaccine can ever be found to halt the spread of the Aids virus. "In my judgment, the available data provide no basis for testing any experimental vaccine in hu-man beings or for expecting that any HIV vaccine could effective in human being," Sabin says in an article published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Sabin said he is pessimistic about the chances for a vaccine because the way the AIDS virus behaves in cells makes it very difficult to halt its spread, unlike polio or measles whose spread can be checked by vaccines. The Aids virus is one of a group of viruses that reproduce themselves inside cells. Sabin said vacrines have been developed for viruses but not for virus-containing cells.

Russian recruit

BRITAIN'S leading centre for research into superconductivity at Cambridge has recruited a leading Russian physicist to take part in a study of the theory of high-ternperature superconductivity. Professor Alexandre Alexandrov, of the Moscow Engineering Physics Institute, has moved to the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Superconductivity in Cambridge for the next five years. Dr Yao Liang, director of the centre, said: "Professor Alexandrov is extremely distinguished in this field and his work on the theory behind superconductivity is much needed. Existing theory is no longer sufficient to describe the behaviour of new

Kiwis under threat

UNCONTROLLED dogs are causing a gradual decline in the numbers of New Zealand's kiwis. flightless birds that are a national symbol, the New Zealand Department of Conservation has announced. The numbers of the Great Spotted, South Island and North Island brown kiwis had all declined, the department said. Legal powers to shoot dogs attacking kiwis are being sought from Parliament. "If we get on top of the risks, we can maintain kiwi numbers on the mainland, instead of sending them to off-shore islands," said Janet Owen, director of pro-tected species, "Kiwis can't get away from dogs. Dogs can get them out of their burrow and move NICK NUTTALL | a lot faster. Kiwis are completely vulnerable," she said.

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Can Granada make its cost effective?

An accountant with no background in TV is now head of a famous production house.

Roger Graef checks the balance sheet

ast Tuesday British viewers saw 7 Up South Africa, the latest incarnation of one of Granada Television's most inventive programmes. The idea is to follow a group of young people over the years to see whether their origins have set their futures on unchanging rails. Similar projects have already begun in Russia. Germany. Japan and America.

each with seven-yearly updates. The British cycle has already reached 35 Up -- which is the age of Charles Allen, Granada's new chief executive. But as a light viewer who selects Coronation Street once a week because his girlfriend is an addict he most likely missed 7 Up and its sequels.

That is a pity, because his own career in accountancy, hotels and leisure would hardly have pointed to his taking the helm of Britain's most distinguished commercial television company by this early

By all accounts, Mr Allen is a likeable man, who lectures on "motivation" at the London Business School. But he will have his work cut out for him. Granada production staff - and the rest of

the industry - are still in shock. Of all the ITV companies, Granada most clearly symbolised quality television. Its commitment to innovative current affairs, long documentaries and extensive dramas, and to nurturing talent has produced much of television's finest work and recently that of the British film industry as well — everything from The Jewel in the Crown and Brideshead Revisited to Prime Suspect and My Left Foot.

in the old days Granada took

risks, cushioned by its income from TV rentals, cinemas and more commercial (that is, less adventurous) productions. Under Lord Bernstein, Sir Dennis Forman, and David Plowright, the business thrived, allowing cultural and political patronage of a high order.

That tradition seemed to end in January with the abrupt departure of David Plowright as head of Granada Television after a row about cost cutting with the new head of the Granada Group, Gerry Robinson — also an accountant with a leisure background.

Accountants now rule most of British television, as the cries of pain from the BBC and Central over job losses and restructuring confirm. Lord Hollick runs such a tight ship at Meridian, the successor to TVS, that people have bailed out before it even sets sail. Diane Neilmes, appointed as head of news and current affairs, left in protest over the treatment of independent producers. She went to,

Granada. Ms Neilmes now works on World in Action, for 30 years the most popular and effective investigative programme on television. Mr Allen has announced he is proud of World in Action. But market forces may override his better nature. What reaction will he have to the prospect of being hauled before the courts for blasphemy or defamation or the demand to disclose sources - all of which have recently happened to Channel 4? Will his pride go before the fall in revenue which serious fines or damages might cause? And, in the unlikely event of Mr Allen backing such risks, would



the group board support him? His appointment is the latest episode in the boardroom saga of the Granada group. When Mr Robinson took over in November 1991, there were nine months to go in the financial year. Despite the recession, he announced a new goal of £54 million profits from television alone - more than double the previous year's £22

Mr Plowright argued this could





Granada classics: (clockwise from above) The Jewel in the Crown; Coronation Street; Prime Suspect

only be achieved through massive cuts, which would betray Granada's franchise commitments and eliminate all but its most commercial output. He had already shifted Granada's programme portfolio from drama and documentaries, underpinned by entertainment, to that of an entertainment-led company that made some drama and documentaries. He offered to aim for £32 million, itself a difficult

target, and made serious cuts in

satisfied, and the board backed him: Mr Plowright had to go. His successor, Andy Quinn, left after six months to become chief executive of ITV, where he faces the same pressures on an even larger scale.

Once, television people dominated the group. That has changed. In addition to Mr Allen, Mr Robinson has recruited his old boss from Grand Metropolitan as a nonexecutive director. That makes

staff. But Mr Robinson was not

three former GrandMet people out of eight deciding the fate of Granada TV. Only the chairman. Alex Bernstein, has any past connection with television - he was joint managing director some years ago - and Granada producers worry that no one will resist when pressure to cut still more puts Granada's place as a production house at

They also lear Mr Allen's role in the same debate within the new 1TV network committees. peopled by strong and experienced personalities such as LWT's Greg Dyke. whose pro-market views are well known. Mr Allen denies he will-turn Granada from a major production source into another publisher broadcaster, cutting minimalist deals with independents for maximally commer-

cial programmes, with none of the their prestige that the company has

Ironically, it was Mr Quinn and Mr Plowright who prepared the ground by dividing Granada into separate cost centres of broadcasting, production and sales — just as Leslie Hill did before cutting the famously inefficient workforce at Central. This exposes internal costs to those of outside suppliers and makes it easier to sack people when the comparison proves negative.

Formerly, such threats to any staff were met by shutting down the transmitter. Now the broadcasters just thank the lord that they are not

in the firing line. (As Mr Hill put it. you call yourselves commercial television but don't act like it. He made Central so efficient that iss franchise bid was unopposed, allowing him to bid just £2,000 to secure the future of those employees that remain.)

To the market, television is just

another business, and programmes are a means to profit for shareholders. not an end in themselves for which money is needed and is a welcome byproduct. Business men like Mr Hill and Mr Robinson appear deeply trustrated by the current limits on takeovers in ITV - with its enforced and uneconomical duplication of jobs — and by the slow returns, compared to the more immediate cashflow other businesses

They are unsenti-

mental about their

The danger is that Charles Allen's likely changes will mean further destabilisation

impact on employ-ees and independence — radical change is their stock in made. They make their mark in one company, restructure it, maximise profits and move on. For Granada production staff, the danger is that Mr Allen's

provide.

likely changes will mean further destabilisation and more cuts -hardly the climate for good programming. If Mr Allen is obliged to increase

profits, first, second and third, then quality television will have lost yet another champion at a time when they are sorely needed. By the time Mr Allen is 42, will Granada still want to make 42 Up?

> eration in Berlin, covering eastern Europe.
> Owned jointly by the Finan-

cial Times and prominent city families such as the Roth-

schilds, The Economist has a board of outside trustees,

whith the power to hire and fire the editor. "Simplify, then

exaggerate." was the journalistic aphorism of Geoffrey Crowther, The Economist's editor of the 1950s, and that

could apply equally well to the

March it generated revenues of £60 million and profits of

£10.4 million, slightly down

on 1990-1. David Gordon,

the chief executive, who was

once a journalist on the paper,

attributes this hiccup to a decision to invest in advertis-

ing and promotion, because

this was having a significant

circulation round the world

gives us a competitive advan-

tage," says Mr Gordon, who

feels that promotional spend-

ing attracts advertising (The

Economist's ad revenue for

1992 is already up on last

"We take the view that our

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paper's business strategy. In the financial year to

Love them or fear them, advertorials are big news in a recession-hit market

Sponsors' messages



Soft-sellers: some of the "special promotions" in (from left) Vogue. Good Housekeeping and Cosmopolitan

often get itself in a tizzy over matters of editorial ethics. It usually finds that men and women of like mind can sort out these little irritations without a lot of noisy fuss and bother.

But currently threatening the (deceptively) smooth exte-rior of relationships between editors and publishers is the question of the ethics of advertorials. The Periodical Publishers Association (PPA) has set up a working party to try to agree a code of practice. So have the editors, and so have the PRs, who practically invented the genre. A coalition like this means business and a real concern.

Call it what you like -"advertisement promotion". 'special promotion" — the advertorial sits rather uncomfortably somewhere between above-the-line advertising (pages paid for by the advertisers, who put on them what they like, within reason and the law) and editorial (pages paid for by the reader and, indirectly the advertiser, on which the editor puts anything he or she likes, within reason and the law).

Advertorials are, in effect. editorial paid for by the advertiser, and this makes the editors edgy. Both the publishers and the editors can give you a million good reasons why advertorials are increasing. Straightforward display advertising is rarely beamed directly at the readership of a particular magazine: it needs to be bland enough to sit in any media environment. On the other hand an advertorial, styled as it often is by the editorial staff of the host title, can take on the environment and tone of

voice of the magazine.
As Jill Churchill of Redwood Publishing, a member of the British Society of Magazine Editors' working party on advertorials, says:

"Some display advertising is so boring, any kind of advertorial is preferable." The American media magazine Folio calls advertorials "the look that fits", but American editors have a ferocious code that prohibits any staff journalist writing, designing or taking pictures for an advertorial.

They have been a fact of magazine life for many years. I remember in the late 1960s

sponsored by six big-name manufacturers that ended with hand-to-hand combat over how they thought their products should look.

But you know the sort of thing I am talking about. You turn to four pages of hiscious, if rather highly coloured. cookerv pictures. Some-

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thing jars a little; lurking in the foreground is a bottle of branded brown sauce: a flaccid slice of ham is rolled around a piece of obviously tinned asparagus. None of it is quite in the style of the rest read the recipes. The list of ping. All items that you just

of the editorial. And then you ingredients includes branded pork luncheon meat, branded cheese sauce mix, and branded potato crisp topknow the cookery editor would eat with ground glass rather than include in her own recipes. You turn back to the beginning and see the words advertisement promotion". There you have it. The space is paid for. And the reason the picture isn't quite like editorial may be because the client was on the photographic shoot insisting that

The current ethical debate in the industry is prompted by the increasing use of the advertorial, estimated to be 3 and 5 per cent of the total advertising in consumer magazines. Four years ago Elle magazine ran 40 pages a year, now it runs 150. Over at the National Magazine Co (publishers of Cosmopolitan, She, Good Housekeeping, Company and others) Debra

Sharron, the corporate promotions manager, says that are doing 150 COVER STORY more pages this year than last

across all titles. The increase in advertorial is a result of the recession. "The advertising pound has to stretch further," Ms Sharron says. "While a display ad can give an impression of the product. advertorial can educate the reader in denth

about it, and there is the implied editorial endorse-And editorial endorsement is what makes most editors

hiss between their teeth. Just how far do they have to bend over backwards to get the advertising pound? Ms Sharron, like her editors, has some niggling concerns about the question of editorial integrity in the increasing use of advertorials. Having sat on the PPA working party she is framing a research project to provide better feedback from the reader: "We know the reader is medialiterate, and by and large likes and understands the position of advertorials, but I fear saturation could bring a

negative response." Henry van Wyk, advertisement director of Reader's the product took centre stage. Digest, who chairs the PPA

working party, agrees. He wants to see very dear labelling in the same type size as is used elsewhere in signposting the magazine, and some restriction on the number of advertorials per issue.

Unlike their American counterparts, most British editors take a positive approach, preferring to get involved in the advertorial from the beginning. "We work closely with the editorial teams on our magazines and have turned away advertorials for products that they simply could not endorse,"

Ms Sharron says. The whole concept of editorial endorsement has come a long way. Twenty years ago Woman would not publish even the brand names of the items shown in the magazine because such a thing would be seen as advertising. You had to write in for details of where to find the dress shown on page five. The reader was maddeningly incon-venienced, but editorial integrity was preserved.

I subscribe to the view that advertising is an essential part of the manufacturing cycle and that good, appropriate advertising adds to the value of any magazine. And when the chips are down. name me something other than advertising that pays for free speech and the increasing diversity of the press; cover prices never will.

However, most consumer titles are bought for the editorial, not the advertising. Readers pay for an unbiased editorial opinion and background explanation on anything from the sterling crisis to the best water filter.

I am sceptical about claims that readers understand the constraints of editorial freedom within the production of an advertorial. Carried to its logical conclusion, a magazine containing only "editorial" paid for by the advertisers cannot be far away.

Bullish in a bare market

The Economist is changing just enough to

maintain its lead in a global field of one

Ten years ago, sales of The Economist hovered around the 200,000 mark. As recently as 1989 its worldwide circulation was 393,000. Now, according to its latest ABC figures, for the six months to June, it has topped half a million for the

Sir John Harvey-Jones, the chairman of the newspaper (as the weekly magazine insists on calling itself) believes it can grow still further. Rupert Pennant-Rea, the editor, is more modest in his forecast: "I don't want to attach great signifi-cance to the 500,000 mark. I don't know what our saturation point really is. When you're operating in the inter-national market, there is no

obvious analogue." North America is still the bedrock of the magazine's commercial stability, with 220,000 customers, but British and Irish sales breached the 100,000 mark for the first time. However, the greatest circulation rise came from continental Europe - up 16.5 per cent to 111,000 in the past

The Economist is nothing if not an international publication. Its undoubted worldwide influence is reflected in the confidence of the editorial staff. The amiable Mr Pennant-Rea was back last weekend from a lightning trip to the Far East where he added



Half a million sales: Rupert Pennant-Rea of The Economist

another spoke to his paper's global wheel: from next month The Economist will begin printing in Hong Kong, its sixth site after Britain, Holland Switzerland, the United

States and Singapore. The first trained economist in 30 years to have the job, Mr Pennant-Rea has made what he calls "incremental changes" to an already highly successful product. He has softened some of the edges, given it a more centrist polit-

ical stance. The paper was redesigned shortly after he took over in 1986; ecotype, its new

shortly to go on market. Earlier this year, sports coverage was added to the arts and books section at the back of the paper.

type-face, is

more rounded and contemporary "leisure" feel.

He has made an interesting new appointment to replace Andrew Marr as political edi-

to Ms Nelson. "We decided to

publish the treaty ourselves,"

Mr Pollard says.
They ran off an initial 100

copies, which the Freedom



The Economist: centrist

Mr Pennant-Rea has a few more gradual changes up his sleeve for the autumn. Reflecting the demands of his peripatetic readers, he intends to add a digest of world news to the potted briefs which precede the Britain and Business sections, and to publish the whole as a more reader-friendly section at the front of the paper.

> ley, the Sunday Tele-graph's Washington correspondent, is better known in Africa's mouble spots than the corridors of Westminpaper's oneman office in Bonn will be replaced by a

year). In keeping with this thinking, a series of typically assertive Economist advertisements started running on tor: Xan Smi-

Channel 4 last weekend. The Economist is part of a tightly run group including the Economist Intelligence Unit, which provides business information to corporate users. The EIU's subsidiary moniker. Business Interna-tional, is being phased out next month. Acquisitions are carefully thought our a bid for the Lloyd's List publishing group fell through last year, but two purchases - in Britain and the

> under consideration. ANDREW LYCETT

United States - are currently

When Maastricht went missing

up on the Maastricht treaty before that country's referendum has rekindled accusations that British voters were denied the same chance of a good read before the general election.

Last April official copies of the treaty were as scarce in Britain as the Chancellor's green shoots of recovery, which prompted two Eurosceptics to publish their own. Their version, whimsically entitled The Unseen Treaty, has sold nearly 4,000 copies and a second print run is planned. Its success, they say, reinforces their charge that the release of the text in Britain was deliberately delayed, or that the Foreign Office tackright, told him that the Gerled the project at its normal pace - which, they say,

Two official editions of the treaty are now available in Britain: the command paper which was not published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office (HMSO) until May 7, and the EC issue, which was withdrawn before the British

amounts to the same thing.

Why the text of a February treaty did not reach Britons for months

election because the word "ecu" was incorrectly spelt. The Unseen Treaty, which merely presents the text signed in February, as do the other two, is the work of

Mr Pollard says.

Association snapped up. By the end of April, when the Susan Nelson, who fought Oxford West and Abingdon official versions had still not for the Anti-Federalist League appeared, they decided to risk in the election, and her agent a 4,000 print run. This went on sale at £2.95, just enough David Pollard. to cover production costs. The Unable to find a copy of the HMSO edition came out a treaty's text in the run-up to the general election, Mr Polweek_later, priced £13.30. lard rang the EC's Office for Official Publications in Brusseis. He says David Perry, the

Mr Perry admits that the EC's edition of the treaty was withdrawn before the election, following the German head of co-edition and copyecu protests. Copies had been awaiting distribution in the mans were "making a stink" HMSO warehouse in south because "ecu" was printed in London. "We told them to lower case rather than capital letters. "He said the copies stop selling the treaty because were in a warehouse waiting we had to send a corrigento be pulped or amended, dum," Mr Perry says. "The suggestion that it wasn't Ten days before polling, a available in the UK for polit-

photocopy of a Foreign Office ical reasons is tripe." text of the treaty found its way Mike Gigg. an HMSO

version could not be published until it was presented to Parliament, which reassembled on May 6. "That's the procedure with command papers. It was actually ready

to go some weeks earlier." Bernard Birchmore, a member of the Foreign Office treaty section staff, says: "We got the original copy from Brussels and edited it. It's all done on paper. We are not computerised yet. We sent it to HMSO for proof reading and they then sent it back to the treaty section for full proofing. It then went back to the Foreign Office's main EC department for checking, and finally back to HMSO."

According to a Foreign Office spokeswoman members of the public could have rung for a photocopy of the treaty if they had wanted to read one before the election. "But it wasn't something that we announced, because we were waiting for it to be printed

PETER KINGSTON

MANAGEMENT

Rewards of dedication

Widget Finn considers the balance between satisfaction and remuneration in charity work

hould the buzz from your job compensate for a low salary or lack of fringe benefits? Increasing professionalism and the need for good staff has brought salary restructuring to many voluntary organisations On average the highest-paid charity staff receive 79 per cent of their business counterparts'

salaries, says a survey by Charity Recruitment. Voluntary bodies, however, are as diverse as commercial companies, ranging from big organisations with turnovers equivalent to those of large corporations, to charities with a handful of paid staff and an unpredictable income.

Neil Wyatt's salary depends on subscriptions from the 4.500 menibers of the Warwickshire Nature Conservancy Trust, which has an annual £500,000 turnover. As the trust's reserves manager he earns about £11,000, rather more, he admits, than senior people in some other conservation organisations.

Mr Wyan surveyed pay and conditions for the staff association of the UK's 48 wildlife trusts. Salaries in some were less than £8,000 and many had no career structure or terms of employment. He says: "Conservation charities often employ staff almost as an extension of their volunteer network. Many people in their mid 20s develop their skills in a conservation trust and are poached by ecological consultancies or a larger body, such as the Countryside Commission, which may have more competitive salaries."

David Sowier, the market-



Earning credibility: "Some of our staff are internationally known," says Anne Weyman, of the National Children's Bureau

ing director for Trebor. Nabisco's grocery division. had other priorities than salary. Feeling at the age of 50 that there was more to life than biscuits, he exchanged his £50,000 income for a salary on a more modest academic scale to set up Cambridge University's fund-raising campaign. would be more appropriate to When the contract ended he found salaries for senior appeals directors varied from

£22,000 to £35,000. He is now deputy appeals director at Barnardos. The charity has a £65.8 million annual income and decides its senior salaries by job evaluation and comparison with parallel jobs in charities of a similar size. The larger the charity, Mr Sowter admits, the more able it is to match commercial salaries.

Sam Osmond, the general manager of the recruitment firm Charity Appointments. says comparisons between charity salaries and those in business are irrelevant. "Matching the salary of the chief executive of a mediumsized commercial business and that of somebody running a charity for the homeless is about as meaningful as comparing it with Mother Theresa's salary," he says. "Often it

compare voluntary sector pay with that in teaching, nursing or local government.

The Cancer Research Campaign linked salaries to civil service rates in 1978, when they were low compared with private sector pay. In recent years the gap has narrowed. Other charities use university

VOLUNTARY SECTOR SALARY SURVEY by CR Charity Recruitment

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£3m-£10m	30,695	35,040	39,900
£10m-£25m	33,048	40,525	42,411
Director/head function:			
£1m-£3m	19,900	24,295	25,430
£3m-£10m	23,462	27,308	29,678
£10m-£25m	23,600	30,000	33,437
Functional manager:			
£1m-£3m	14,940	16,625	19,110
£3m-£10m	14,744	20,077	21,000
£10m-£25m	16,419	22,352	23,597

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or local government salaries as

a marker. Charity work can confer credibility, says Anne Wey-man, the public affairs director for the National Children's Bureau. She says: "We have a number of staff, such as the director of our early childhood unit and the research director. who have become internation-

ally known in their own field." Mr Sowter says self-esteem is also an important intangible benefit However, Melinda Letts, the director of the National Asthma Campaign. gives a warning: "It is no good thinking you will get such a buzz out of working for a good cause that nothing else will matter. The fact that you are getting a warm glow will not pay the bills."

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Getting it right at the town hall

Local control, accountability and participation are the aims of the new shake-up, Geoffrey Filkin writes

ocal government still matters to people. It touches us all, in ways ranging from child protection to street deaning. In changing the structure of local government — as a commission has just been set up to do in England - we must get it right.

The review, being carried out differently in Wales and Scotland, will affect how services are delivered to more than 30 million people. In England, the Local Government Commission's job is to produce a structure that is acceptable to the public and Parliament and workable for

many years.

Getting it right for the 1990s is difficult enough. Getting it right for the next 40 years is much more problematic. The danger would be to concentrate on short-term issues.

Certainly, the commission should not concentrate too much on present central and local government policies. services or management methods, as these will certainly change radically in the next 20 years.

The same applies to personalities. A council's good or bad presentation to the commission should not influence decisions as these people will not be there in ten years. Similarly, al-though shedding a tier of local government will save money long-term, caution is needed about the accuracy of savings claimed under other options. So what should dominate the commission's thinking?

First, locality matters. Peo ple's sense of place and community must be the foundation. If all areas' needs were the same, functions could be run from Whitehall. However, people must have local control over their locality in local matters. Locality and community are complex ideas but for most people the area around home or work is the most important and local government must relate to this.

Improving accountability should be the second aim. The low turnout in British local elections - much lower

Filkin: eye on the future

than in many other European countries — is serious. The new structure should build on accountability. above all by making it obvious who gives what service. This is why many believe in

unitary local government. The incoming authorities must make opportunities for citizens to participate. People expect to have their say in important local issues. Much more than this will be achievable if more decisions are taken locally and by councils that consult and work with

the public. This leads to the third issue, the concept of the "enabling authority". Enabling means listening and developing strategies and services in parmership with local businesses, groups and voluntary bodies. This kind of liaison is much simpler for unitary council, whatever

ns size The commission will try to ensure that the new structure helps to achieve the Citizen's Charter. Reducing the levels of local government will help the public to know where to go for services or redress.

Finally, the commission should be flexible about the size of councils. Compulsory competitive tendering has meant that authorities can deliver services through contract as well as from in-house departments. The commission can therefore consider a wide range of sizes.

For instance. David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, is backing an all-purpose authority for Meirionnydd with a population of only 32,000. Past reorganisations have, I contend, been wrongly dominated by academic arguments about service supply being related to scale. They have given too little attention to the public's wishes.

The measure of the commission's success will, like good wine, be judged in ten or 20 years' time if the reorganisation is seen to have improved public services. Local government itself also has to make a success of the new authorities and this is the higgest challenge of all.

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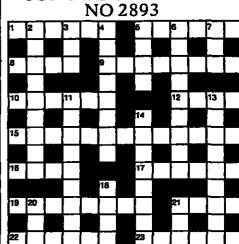
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6.00 Ceefax (49283) 6.30 Breakfast News (78988047) 9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series (6369202)
9.30 Liberal Democrats Conference 92. Live coverage of the

proceedings on day two of the conference in Harrogate. (Continues at 10.35) (48318)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (4644467) 10.05 Playdays (s) (9456405) 10.25 Barney. Animation (r) (4647554)

10.35 Liberal Democrats Conference 92 continued. This session includes the address by the party president Charles Kenned, With News (Ceefax) regional pages and weather at 45 00 and 30 an News (Ceefax), regional news and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (82109979) 12.55 Regional News and weather (63267478) 1.00 One O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Weather (49919) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43182689) 1.50 Going For Gold.

General knowledge quiz with European contestants. The question-master is Henry Kelly (s) (43186405)

2.15 Film: The Settlement (1982) starring Bill Kerr. Unusual drama, set in 1950s Queensland, about a small settlement which is scandalised by a menage a tros between two casual workers and a scandalised by a menage at ross between two casual workers and a woman of easy virtue. Directed by Howard Rubie (535592)
3.50 Opposites Attract. Nature series (r) (8094641) 4.00 The Further Adventures of SuperTed (r) (8996115) 4.15 Potsworth and Co (r) (6519080) 4.35 Hartbeat. A new series on better picture drawing, presented by Tony Hart and Gabrielle Bradshaw (s) (8732660)

5.00 Newsround (3707080) 5.10 Grange Hill. Children's drama serial set in a secondary school (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3463912)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (836134). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. (Ceefax)

Weather (739) weather (733)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (689). Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz (s) (1554)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (573)
8.00 Citizen Smith. Robert Lindsay stars as the Tooting urban guerrilla

Wolfie Smith in John Sullivan's 1970s comedy series (r). (Ceefax)

Point 4 Children. Funny, well-observed domestic comedy following the trials and tribulations of a wife and mother of two. starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s) (6009) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

9.30 More Specially Selected Canned Carrot. A compilation of Jasper Carrott's comedy sketches. With Robert Powell, Steve Punt, and Hugh Dennis. (Ceefax) (s) (309825)



Beyond realism: Joanna Mays as a Carter heroine (10.10pm)

10.10 Omnibus: Angela Carter's Curious Room.

● CHOICE: This film was the last piece of work undertaken by the or her final illness is evident, yet it refuses to dampen her mischievous spirit. Asked about her rejection of realism, a recurring theme of the programme, she says: "I write overblown, purple, self-indulgent prose — and so f-ing what?" Carter is introduced as one of the most original and influential writers or our time, a large claim and one the film hardly substantiates. On the less ambituous level of offering a coherent introduction to Carter's work and the influences which shaped it, this is a model portrait. It shows how cinema images of Dietrich and Garbo aroused a fascination with the construction of sexual identity which became one of the main preoccupations of the novels. (Ceefax) (855689). Northern Ireland:

11.00 Film: Point Blank (1967) starring Lee Marvin, Angie Dickinson and Keenan Wynn. John Boorman's gripping American debut about a gangster who tackles the mob when looking for revenge — and a fortune in loot — two years after he is double-crossed. (Ceefax) (34080). Northern Ireland: 11.05 Omnibus 11.55-12.35am European Soccer Special 12.30am Weather (1362595). Ends at 12.35

2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (scrambled) (626245) 3.15 TV Edits (2061264). Ends at 4.00

6.45 Open University: The "User Friendly" School (6921912). Ends at

7.10 8.00 Breakfast News (9218554)

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8.15 Bitten by the Bug. The last in the series looks at the working lives of insects (r) (9231405) 8.30 The Italians. A portrait of Giovanna Mazzocchi, who, at the the age of 30, inherited one of Italy's biggest publishing empires (r) (10047)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
1.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (s) (69244467) 1.35 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (78657979) 1.40 Cross Currents Community Understanding. For teachers (43164283)
2.00 News and weather (34276573) followed by You and Me (r) (40825196) 2.15 Getting Through. How Eve Thompson overcame alcohol and tranquilliser addiction and the fact that her son was schizophrenic (r) (40838660) 2.30 Sign Extra. An Open Space documentary about the Brazilian rain forest adapted for the hearing impaired (r) (950) hearing impaired (r) (950)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (4628283) followed by Country File

John Craven investigates Britain's gun laws (r) (3742931) 3.30 In the Making. The story of a small Yorkshire rope-making company (r) (5229028) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (8092283) 4.00 Great Journeys. Billy Bragg and Andy Kershaw discover Bolivia's 17th-century silver routes to the Pacific (r). (Ceefax) (6221)

5.00 Spies in the Works. James Garrett investigates how some people's lives have been ruined by secret vetting (r) (2660) 5.30 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of Unforgiven, A League of Their Own and The Hours and the Times (r) (s) (738)

6.00 Film: The Family Jewels (1965). Jerry Lewis plays seven roles in the typically manic story of a young girl who inherits a fortune and must decide which of her uncles she wants as her guardian. Directed by Jerry Lewis (15319738)
7.35 Animation Now. The Legend of Paul Bunyan (409950)



New ways to reading: Dame Marie Clay with pupil (7.50pm)

 7.50 Education Special: Goodbye Janet, Goodbye John.
 CHOICE: Amid the latest disquiet about the standard of reading in British schools comes this timely report on a radical approach pioneered in New Zealand and about to be introduced here on a proheted in New Zealand and about to be inscouled here on a trial basis. Developed by Dame Marie Clay, "reading recovery" concentrates on the bottom 20 per cent of the class and gives children individual coaching on a daily basis from specially-trained teachers. The results have been encouraging, both in New Zealand and in the United States. Only a fraction of the children fail to respond and the effect has been to reduce the numbers who need provided balls later. The introduction of "reading research" in Patricia. special help later. The introduction of "reading recovery" in Britain has been hedged around with arguments about cost. The government has allocated £10 million for the three-year trial but critics say this will only scratch the surface (619757)

8.30 Floyd on Spain. Keth Floyd samples the cuisine of the Costa Blanca including gypsy stew, roast suckling pig and paella. His thirst is catered for by a mixture of orange juice, champagne and Cointreau (Ceefax) (7979)

9.00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience. Off-beat comedy series starring David Baddiel, Hugh Dennis, Rob Newman and Steve Punt (r) (s) (2405) 9.30 The John Bull Business: Welcome Change. The last in the series examines how change-resistant are British companies. (Ceefax)

10.10 The Works: The Fix. A series celebrating the role of engineering in modern society. This episode strips away the mysteries of fastenings. (Ceefax) (122405)

10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock (366405) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (305172) 11.55 Weather (122028)

12.00 Open University: Understanding Violence (65448). Ends 12.30am

6.00 TV-am (5761467) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker (6365486) 9.55 Thames News (7835115)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . Topical discussion series (7192950)
10.40 This Morning, Family magazine series (9835757)
12.10 Playbox. Early learning series (r) (5979134)
12.30 Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (2947863) 1.05 Thames News (69269776)

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1.15 Home and Away. Family drama serial. (Oracle) (844991) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series (s) (294432)

2.15 Mavis Catches Up With ... In the first of a new series Mavis Nicholson meets Torn Jones at Cardiff Arms Park (149383)

2.45 Families. Drama serial (2743298)

3.10 ITN News headlines (4646689) 3.15 Regional News headlines (4638660) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (3741202)

3.50 Fraggle Rock. The first of a two-part puppet story (4585863) 4.05 The Raggy Dolls (s) (6584318) 4.15 Take Off with T-Bag starring Georgina Hale (6535028) 4.40 Children's Ward. Medical drama set in a large hospital (r). (Oracle) (s) (9460825)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge game (9028573)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (913955) 5.55 Thames Help (r) (313134)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (405)

6.30 Thames News (757)

7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (9950)

7.30 A Class of Their Own. The last programme in the series about the difficulties facing parents of gifted children features 12-year-old Alys Cavanagh, an exceptional cellist (641)

8.00 The Bill: A Birnd Eye. PCs Stamp and Garfield witness a mugging but Stamp delays intervening when he sees the mugger being beaten up by local young vigilantes. It is not until later that he realises what a mistake he has made. (Oracle) (5370)

8.30 Men Behaving Badly. Comedy series starring Martin Clunes and Neil Mornssey as bachelor flatmates, with Leslie Ash and Caroline Quentin as the objects of their desire. (Oracle) (s) (4405)

9.00 Boon. Comedydrama series starring Michael Elphick as a Midlands detective and odd-job man. This week he is bewitched by two beautiful women. With a guest appearance from John Nettles of Bergerac. (Oracle) (8554)

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News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (19318) 10.30 Thames News (910825)



Victims of 1492? Indian girls made up for a dance (10.40pm)

10.40 Before Columbus: Invasion.

CHOICE: A three-part series from the anthropological film-maker Brian Moser looks at the white man's treatment of the American Indians. Christopher Columbus and his historic voyage may be a cause for celebration in some quarters but definitely not among by the people whose language, culture and history have been suppressed in the 500 years since the Europeans arrived. The title is misleading. The Indians were indeed there before Columbus but the programmes are about what happened after him, with the emphasis on the continued mistreatment of the Indians today. Tonight's film is about the appropriation of Indian land, a sacred bond as well as a means of survival, with graphic examples from Canada, Panama, Brazil and the United States. Michael Wood, heard but for once unseen, is the narrator. (Oracle) (188554) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian drama (301863)

12.30 Video View. The latest releases reviewed (71090) 1.30 The Equalizer. McCall is at a wedding reception where a guest is taken hostage. Starring Edward Woodward (r) (2737719)

2.10 Donahue. The guests are battered men (3917142) 3.20 60 Minutes. American news magazine (2971697)
4.10 Sailing. News from the Southampton International Boat Show (10709535)

4.40 Short Story Theatre: A Movie Star's Daughter. A schoolgid thinks she is popular only because her father is a film star (1597622) 5.30 ITN Morning News (53603). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (5759009) 9.25 Schools (88017467)
 12.00 The Muristers (b/w). Classic ghoulish humour (70301)
 12.30 Profiles of Nature. The threatened Vancouver island marmot that hitpernates for six months and gorges itself for the remainder of the lines (259465)

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1.00 Sesame Street. Early-learning series (r) (30399)

2.00 Film: None Shall Escape (1944, b/w) starring Alexander Knox. Solid second world war propaganda drama about a Nazi general brought to trial by the Allies in his home village on the German/Polish border, the scene of his wartime atrocities. Directed by André De Toth (545979)

3.35 Yours Sincerely (b/w). A young man woos his sweetheart but the romance is cut short by the girl's father who tells her to marry noney (3703979) year (35844)

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4.00 A Houseful of Plants. Indoor gardening series presented by Floella Benjamin and Michael Jordan (r). (Teletext) (370)

4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (s) (554)

5.00 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday. The first of a new series of painting programmes presented by Alwyn Crawshaw, holidaying in Majorca (4028)

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5.30 It Wishes Were Horses. Series following the fortunes of a group of mixed ability children learning to ride (r) (s) (134)
6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's. Starring Norman Beaton (r). (Teletext) (937)
6.30 Roseanne. Wisecracking domestic cornedy series starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (r). (Teletext) (399)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (458757)
7.50 Comment (667047)
8.00 The Big Boss. A wildlife documentary about the Cape buffalo, thought to be one of the most dangerous of the large mammals

thought to be one of the most dangerous of the large mammals that range the African savannah. (Teletext) (3912)

8.30 Check Out 92. Mike Embley investigates how companies are tackling credit card fraud (s) (2047)

9.00 Gaudi. A documentary profile of the Spanish architect Antonio Gaudi. (5195)



Suburban sisters: Claire Skinner and Jane Horrocks (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Life is Sweet (1990).

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● CHOICE: A new season of Film on Four opens with writer-director Mike Leigh's much-praised study of a cheerfully chaotic London family and its resilience in face of adversity. Leigh's perception of lower-middle class suburbia is essentially a comic-pathetic one, a shade patronising but shot through with a likeable humour. These are ordinary, fallible people who often bring their troubles upon themselves but usually manage to come up smiling. The leading players are Mum (Alison Steadman), resourceful and determined, Dad (Jim Broadbertt), in control at work but a twit at home, and their twin daughters (Claire Skinner and lane Horrocks). home, and their twin daughters (Claire Skinner and Jane Horrocks). The performances are outstanding and the confrontation between

Steadman and Homocks over the girl's anorexia is a memorably painful antidote to the general levity. (Teletext) (s) (789283)

11.55 Empty Nest. Comedy series starring Richard Mulligan as a widowed medical man living on the Florida coast (r) (799554)

12.25am Goya. Spanish-made biographical serial about the life and times of the Spanish artist. English dialogue (r). (Teletext) (8729852)

Film: Mask of Dust (1954, b/w) starring Richard Conte. Banal drama about a successful racing driver whose dedication to the sport threatens his marriage. Directed by Terence Fisher (6073516). Ends at 2.50

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SKY MOVIES+

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellines The African must rescue his children from slave traders (86592)

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ne child (6405) Syndrome child (6405) 6.00 The Gods Must Be Crazy II (as 10am)

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7.40 Entertainment Tonight (289775)
8.00 Payback (1990; A man sets out to avenge his brother's death (24776)
10.00 Cover Up (1991); A television reporter uncovers a CIA plot (853467)
11.35 True Blood (1990; A man finct his brother's involved with criminals (333496). brother is involved with criminals (533496) 1.20am Out of Control (1985) A party 1.20am Out of Control (1985). A party crash lands on a desert sland (67-40245) 2.45 Night of the Demons (1987) Tecnopers hold a Halloweren party in a funeral parlour (437050) 4.15 A Cut Above (1989) A medical student has the wrong artitude (317500) Ends at 6.00am

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites
 5.15am The Hound of the Baskervilles (959), Peter Cushing plays Sherlock, Holme

(15354825)
8.00 A Dog's Best Friend (1960) A boy and a dog find a murder weapon (92 10009)
11.30 Cimarron (1960) The story of a frontier lamily in Oktahoma (26439979)
2.15pm Along Came Jones (1945, b/w)
Two cowboys are mistaken for killiers by the inhabitants of a town (541979)
4.15 My Side of the Mountain (1969) A young boy runs away from home (702257)
6.15 Marilyn and Me (1991) A young reporter meets the ascrang actress (7 15931)
8.15 She Said No (1990). Vectorica Hamel plays a busness woman raped on a date by

2.15 She Said No (1990). Verorica Harriel plays a business woman raped on a date by lawyer Judd Hirsch (70222065).

10.00 Hardware (1990): A gift turns into a psychopathic interested to the season of the season o

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1.25am Vietnam, Texas (1990) - vietnam veteran protects his family from drug numers (389790)
3.00 The Kissing Place (1990) - A boy runs from his psycho sumogate metter (16500, 4.30 The Long Riders (1990). The story of the Old West gangs (30429). Ends at 6.00am

THE COMEDY CHANNEL.

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11,30 The Joan Pivers Show (7744318)
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6.00am Nick Barley with music, breakfast news, weather and trains reports 9.00 Henry Kelly with Bach, Brahms and banter 12.00 BANK PLC, FREEPOST CV2462, COVENTRE.

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RADIO 5

News and Sport on the hour until 7.00pm.
6.00am World Service, Newshour 6.30 Damry
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10.00 Johnne Walker with The AV. Alternative 12.30pm Walking in Big Footstept: Daphne
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RADIO 3 6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor
with music, news and weather
and headlines from the arts
9.00 Composer of the Week:
Cherubini Overture, Eliza
(Academy of St Martin under
Neville Marriner); L'Hymne du
Panthéon (Chorus of the
French Army. Wind Orchestra

French Army, Wind Orchestra of Les Gardiens de la Paix, Paris, under Claude Pichaureau); Sonata No 2 in F for horn and strings (Academy of 5t Martin under Neville Marriner with Barry Tuckwell, horn); Aria, Ahl no peines, Medée (Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra under

Horne, mezzo); Eh quoi je suis Mėdėe, Mėdėe, (Scottish Opera Chorus and Orchestra under John Mauceri with Josephine Barstow, soprano, John Treleaven, tenor, Clare John Irleawen, tenor, Clare Shearer, mezzo)

10.00 Morning Sequence: Haydn (Cello Concerto in C); Wolf (Ganymede, Die Spröde, Die Bekehrte, Frühling übers Jahr); Schumann (Symphony No 1 in 8 flat, Spring); Liszt (Petrarch Somet Para pon transch

Sonnet, Pace non trovo:
Luciano Pavarotti); Hindemith
(Symphony, Mathis der Maler)
12.00 Celestial Harmonies (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Scottish Symphony
Orchestra under Matthias
Bamet performs Rossini Barnert performs Rossini (Overture: Semiramide); Schubert (Symphony No 6 in C); Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in

Lawrence Foster with Marilyn

G)
2.35 Tippett Plus: The Balanescu
Quartet performs Beethoven
(Grosse Fuge. Op 133); Gavin
Bryars (Quartet No 2); Tippett
(Quartet No 4); Alan Bush
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(Quarter No 4); Alan Bush (Quarter No 4); Alan Bush (Dralectic)
4.05 Brahms: Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1 performed by Nicholas Cox, Clarinet, and Vanessa Latarche, piano (r)
4.30 Bright as Fire: The composer and peanist, Wike Westbrook, talks to Geoffrey Smith
5.00 in Tune: Natalie Wheen's selection of music, news, interviews and art events
7.45 Contracts: like from the 7.45 Contrasts: live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Andras Schiff, piano; Heinz Holliger, oboe; Aurele Nicolet.

Klaus Thunemann, bassoon.

and Radovan Vlatkovic, hom perform Berio (Sequenza VII for oboe), Bach (Duet in Eminor, BWV 802; Duet in F. BWV 803); Berg (Four Pieces for darinet and piano, Op 5); Bach (Duet in G, BWV 804); Duet in A minor, BWV 805); Elfot Carter (Inner Song for oboe); Bach (Three-part Invention No 9 in f minor, BWV 795); Kurtag (Garnes, excerpts); Bach (Three-part Ricercare, A Musical Offering); Kurtag (Wind Quintet, Op 2). In the interval at 8.50 The Drsappearing Soul: Professor

In the interval at 8.50 The
Disappearing Soul: Professor
John Cottingham discovers
what Descartes really said
about the human soul. The
concert continues at 9.10
Bach (Rute Sonata in B minor,
BWV 1030); Elikott Carter
(Quintet for piano and wind)
9.55 Young Americans;
Generation X. Kerry Shale
reads from Douglas
Coupland's novel
10.15 Arvo Part from the Berlin
Festival. Tabula Rasa, double
concerto for two violins
performed by Chamber
Orchestra of Europe under
Gidon Kremer, violin, with
Tatyana Grandenko, violin, and
Jun Smirnov, piano
10.45 Night Waves

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O CHOICE: The time slot given to this three-nights-a-week arts magazine, making its debut tonight, means that critics comment on what they have just seen or heard while still collecting their thoughts. There are things to be said for and against instant judgment. It worked well enough when Radio 4's Kaleidoscope employed it. But Night Waves has more to offer than off-the-cuff assessment; there will also be interviews and features. Tonight's agenda includes Alan Rickman's Hamlet at London's Riverside Hamlet at London's Riverside Studios and Gilbert Adair on the future of the literary critic South American

South American
Discoveries: Orchestral music
from South America. The

Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaki performs Revueltas (Alancias); Villa-Lobos (Piano Concerto No 2); Ginastera (Ballet, Estancia, excerpts) 12.30-12.35am Henrs

11,30

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5.55am Shapping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing ind 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 6.30, 7.00; 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News, 6.45 Business News, 6.55, 7.55 Weather, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News, 8.43 by William read

ws 8.43 Just William: read by Martin Javis 9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross 071-580 4444 10.00 News; The Great River (FM only): Philip Short travels up the Yangtse River (10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (12 of 15)

10.30 W nan's Hour with lenni Murray, Ind 11.00 News 11.30 Medicine Now: Mad.:or black?

Clarke in London and James
Naughtie in Harrogate
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute
Theatre: The Food of Love.
Joanne Maguire's play takes a
light-hearted look at the
hazards of dieting. Does
Donny love food more than
Rick and will her size come
between them? (s)

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2.30 Tingle Factor: Record producer George Martin is Jeremy Nicholas's guest (s)

3.00 News; Tuesday Lives: Joanna Buchan with a look at some ordinary people with dangerous lives 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscop

4.00 Nevis 4.05 Kaleidoscope: reviews Malcolm Bradbury's comic novel, Doctor Criminale: visits an exhibition on the suffragettes', and tests the new Ray Cooney Farce (s) 4.45 Short Story: Dave's Back-OLOKE: Alson Dunne has written a goodsh, Wryly humorous tale with is all the better for the way it is read by. better for the way it is read by Julie Walters. She is a born monologulst (and a born everything else in the acting Big Boss (15080) 10.80 The Golden Girls (20860) 10.30 in the Company of Whales (78370) 12.80 Gaudi (11790) 1.00 Close

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Story (3744660) 9.50 Film: Arriving Tuesday (2590979) 11.30 News (9217486) 11,40

RADIO 4

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by election hopes go up in smoke. Written by Christopher Lee (s) (r)

for colour co-ordination is evident in every home but his when. He does something to his back, and the scene is set 5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Frank Partridge 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather 6.00 Sbx O'Clock News 6.30 The House: Dougal Baxter's head the house of the house of the

smoke. Written by Christopher
Lee (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 File on 4: Easy Money. There
are six times as many armed
robberles as a decade ago,
Geny Northam investigates
claims that the banks and
building societies are risking
lives of staff and customers by
putting profit before security
8.00 High Resolution: The
Shocking History of
Phosphorus. Under the
microscope is a poisonous

Phosphorus. Under the microscope is a poisonous element that glows in the dark and was once responsible for a grotesque bone disease.

8.30 The Glass and Not the Wilne: Piers Plowright introduces a man who inspired him and continues to inspire others: Lionel Billows, who for more than 60 years has been teaching and travelling (s).

8.45 In Touch 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r).

9.45 The Hnancial World Tonight with Roger White (s).

10.00 The World Tonight with Alexander Macleod (s).

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Human Voices.

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11.00 Stanza Live: Andrew
McAllister introduces readings to celebrate the opening of the Poetry Society's new performance space
11.30 Larkim's Jazz Philip Larkin, besides being a highly respected poet, was passionate about jazz (s) (r)
12.00-12.43am News Ind 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping
12.43 As World Service (Lwy only)

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TODAY IN BUSINESS VIA DOLOROSA

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The devaluation of the lira comes against a economic woes that the Italian government has

FAR AND WIDE

A wide geographical spread of businesses is the key to a 9 per cent profit rise at Morgan Tempus, Page 20

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Shares in Tom Farmer's Kwik-Fit were on the slide after nterim profits were almost haived Page 18

HELP AT HAND

Plans are in hand at Lloyd's of London for some form of financial aid for the hardest-hit Page 19

LAW TIMES



The courts are getting tough with mortgage fraudsters, who can now expect to face a jail sentence

ERM revamp leaves sterling testing floor against lira and puts shares on a rollercoaster

Rate cut helps boost pound against mark

By George Sivell

STERLING gained some breathing space in the Euro-pean exchange-rate mecha-nism yesterday with a rise against the mark after the surprise cut in German interest rates and and the Italian devaluation. But it immediately tested the floor

against the lira. At the official Bank of England 4pm close in London, the pound was up 2.5 pfennigs against the mark at DM2.8131 and 4.05 cents down against the dollar at \$1.8937. In lunchtime New York trading, the pound stood at DM2.8092 and \$1.8920.

But by yesterday's close, the lira had shot to the top of the ERM while the pound remained at the bottom. Foreign exchange dealers said they detected intervention by the Bank of England and the Bank of Italy to maintain the cross rate within the ERM parity rates. Before the Bank of England

borrowed £7.25 billion of foreign exchange ten days ago to help support the pound, sterling had been testing the \$2 level and the dollar had been down to DM1.38. Yesterday in London, the dollar stood at DM1.4885, up from DM1.4435 on the day.

Markets were generally disappointed, however, at the German interest rate cuts. The lombard rate, the emergency rate charged by the Bundesbank to lend to commercial banks, fell by only 0.25 per cent to 9.5 per cent and the discount rate charged for normal loans to the banking system fell by only 0.5 per cent to 8.25 per cent. However, the markets were cheered by a later appropreement from the Bundeshank that it would reduce the market rate established at this week's monev market tender to 9.2 per cent. existing level. Dealers noted that the tender rate was the one that influenced economic and foreign exchange conditions most directly. They added that the Bundesbank's

announcement suggested the

smaller cut in the lombard rate

was merely a token designed to pacify hardliners on the central bank council.

Nevertheless, some inves-tors had hoped for a bigger move after Sunday's 7 per cent devaluation of the lira. The Bundesbank said the realignment and interest cut were a response to the heavy strain felt in the ERM last

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cost of maintaining lira parity. It was worked out on Friday evening, just days after the Bath meeting of European finance ministers had ruled out realignments.

Economists pointed out the proximity of the cut to the French referendum on Maastricht on Sunday and said further cuts would be slow to follow and would depend on Germany's economy.

Kevin Darlington, an economist at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the German cut was less than had been hoped for overnight after the Italian devaluation and that sterling remained in the firing line". He said Maastricht remained the key issue for foreign exchanges, adding that the "only change is that the ERM has been proved to be more flexible and that market pressure

Mr Darlington said that vesterday's cut may be the peak in the interest rate cycle but that economic revival depends on the scale of cuts that follow. He believes that subsequent German interest cuts are likely to be linked to events

in the domestic economy which will mean that further cuts are unlikely to be dramatic, leading to a tough time in

Europe next year.

Officials in Britain put a brighter gloss on developments. They pointed out that the differential between British and German rates is down from 6.5 per cent before ERM entry to 0.25 per cent before the weekend and now 0.5 per

They reaffirmed that policy remained to set interest rates so that sterling maintained its position within the ERM. Yesterday's move was said to be helpful in paving the way for lower interest rates in time

arross Europe.

Talk of British interest rate cuts yesterday, however, was clearly premature. Economists said that the lombard rate would have had to have been cut by no less than 0.75 per cent to create the possibility of a British cut.

Adam Cole, a currency analyst at James Capel, said if the French referendum yielded a yes vote, sterling would re-main weak but could rise. But he believed that a no vote would pose the threat of interest rises in Britain and

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Bundesbank drives shares wild

By Michael Clark, stock market correspondent

ALMOST £10 billion was added to the value of Britain's publicly quoted companies as the London stock market reacted wildly to the softening of interest rates across Europe.

During the first half hour, the FT-SE index soared almost 100 points as investors began pinning hopes on a cut of between half and a full point in the lombard rate. Market-makers, who found themselves short of stock at the

end of last week, had no choice but to mark prices sharply higher in an attempt to deter the expected surge of buying orders. In the event, the quarter-point reduction in the lombard was less than many investors had hoped and with-

in minutes prices were losing ground rapidly as marketmakers went on the defensive. By 10am the index's lead had been cut to 36 points. It was picking up blue chips that had been looking oversold. The index recovered to close 51.2 higher at 2,422.1 as the Dow Jones average posted an early lead of 54 points.

Trading conditions in London were thin. Most fund managers see the about-turn by the Bundesbank as a step in the right direction, but they reckon it could be some time before domestic interest rates new positions before Sunday's French referendum on Maastricht. Government securities post-

commit themselves to opening

ed gains of almost £2 at the longer end, pleased by the dollar's revival and an encouraging performance by the pound against the mark. Blue chips led the way

higher, especially the bigger dollar earners and oil com-panies. Double figure gains were commonplace despite prices closing below their best of the day. BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services group, touched a high for the day of 785p, before finishing 29p higher at 777p. There were also gains for BOC Group, 17p to 659p, BTR, 19p to 448p, Commercial Union, 19p to 510p, Cable and Wireless, 19p to 539p, Guinness, 16p to 533p, Glaxo 22p to 790p and RTZ 24p to 555p. But there was little sign of support for the interest rate sensitive sectors such as property, retailing and

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Lombard move disappoints business

By Patricia Tehan

BRITAIN'S business leaders are disappointed by yesterday's quarter-point cut in German interest rates fearing it is not enough to push UK interest rates down. Many firms are unconvinced that the govemment's economic policies are working. However, most of them, even those who exchange-rate mechanism in

devaluation of sterling. All the companies contacted yesterday welcomed the strengthening of the dollar against European currencies. The recent strength of the pound against the dollar has been damaging to exports.

Howard Davies, director general of the Confederation of British Industry, said he hoped yesterday's cut in the lombard rate would be the beginning of a downward trend in German rates leading to lower UK rates. But he said: Chancellor with much room for manoeuvre to reduce UK 1990, are firmly against a rates in the short term."

Ann Robinson, head of the policy unit at the Institute of Directors, said she is disappointed by the size of the German cut. The IoD argued

that the government should to pursue a pan-European not have entered the ERM until inflation had come to investment." down. Dr Robinson said the institute supports Mr Maior in his aim to defeat inflation

better ways to achieve it. The IoD is lobbying the government for an independent

Donald Anderson, chief economist at Courtaulds, said the company still supports ERM membership with the pound at its present level. He said: "ERM is helpful because of the stability it promises which means it will be possible

but feels there could have been

strategy particularly in regard He welcomed yesterday's

strengthening of the dollar against European currencies. Almost 30 per cent of Courtaulds' earnings come from America and it has been worried about the translation the dollar on profits.

Michael Prideaux, a director at BAT, also welcomed the stronger dollar, which he said will help in earnings translation. BAT was one of the few companies to support sterling's ERM entry in 1990.

THE POUND

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Federal Funds: 33-6%
3-month Treasury Bills: 2.88-2.86%*
30-year bonds: 997-99852*

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Snacks add weight to Dalgety's results

By MATTHEW BOND

DALGETY, the food and agribusiness group, has re-ported pre-tax profits of £117 million for the year to end-June, a 5.3 per cent advance on the previous year.

Maurice Warren, chief executive, said he was encouraged by the performance. "Given the recessionary climate in which we have been operat-ing, our businesses, particulary those involved in consumer foods, achieved very satisfactory results."

Mr Warren, who has announced plans to retire next year, said the search for his replacement was continuing. with internal as well as external candidates being considered. John West took over from Sir Peter Carey as group chairman this month.

Following the improvement in profits, the final dividend

has been increased to 12p (11.35p) making a total of 19.5p (18.5p). The shares closed 10p up at 395p.

In February, Dalgety paid £43 million for Sooner Snacks, an acquisition that lifted Golden Wonder's share of the snackfoods market to 20 per cent and contributed a trading profit of £2.5 million. Mr Warren said: "Golden Wonder performed strongly. increasing its market share in crisps and maintaining its leading position in the ambi-ent ready meals sector." Golden Wonder helped lift trading profits in consumer foods 20

per cent to £59.8 million. Mr Warren said a further 500 jobs had been shed during the year, reducing the total workforce to 15,000.

Tempus, page 20 | bulk of the increase came from

Inchcape wins trade licence in China

BY MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

INCHCAPE has become the first western company to be granted a licence to trade in its own right in China, and is setting up an operation in the Shanghai district of Pudong.

Charles Mackay, chief exec-utive, said yesterday that the group had accepted one of only three invitations from the Chinese authorities to foreign companies — the other two went to the Japanese - to

operate inside China. towards the advance in interim profits unveiled yesterday.

The country is already an important market for Inchcape, responsible for about £200 million of group turnover, and contributing "several millions of pounds"

Pre-tax profits for the first

half of 1992 raced from £91.3

million to £117.1 million. The

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn the motor distributor and dealer acquired for £382 million earlier this year, and contributing figures for four

Earnings per share rose from 13.6p to 14.6p on the capital enlarged by the rights issue that paid for TKM, and the interim dividend is raised from 5p a share to 5.4p. Sir David Orr, who hands

over the chairmanship today to Sir David Plastow, the former chairman and chief executive of Vickers, said TKM was matching up to expectations and that the group was benefiting from the merger of its Wadham Kenning retail operations with Mann Egerton.Inchcape shares advanced 22p to 420p.

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Al-Fayeds censured by takeover panel

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE Al-Fayed brothers' rep-utation suffered another blow yesterday when the takeover panel censured them for miseading the market when they bid for House of Fraser and Harrods, its flagship, more than seven years ago.

The panel did not start its enquiry until the publication in March 1990 of a report by trade and industry inspectors who found that Mohamed, Salah and Ali Al-Fayed "dishonestly misrepresented their origins, their wealth, their business interests and their resources" in the course of their £573 million takeover of

the retail chain in 1985. Because House of Fraser is no longer a listed company, the panel's edict can have little effect on the group.



Mohamed Al-Fayed

The executive of the panel spent almost 18 months deciding the brothers were in breach of general principle 12 of the takeover code and began disciplinary proceedings in October 1991. The Al-Fayeds adjourned the matter pending civil litigation brought by Tiny Rowland and Lonrho, his trading group, who consider they were wrongly prevented from bidding for House of Fraser and, as a result, the group was delivered into the hands of the Al-Fayeds.

Yesterday's statement followed two unsuccessful attempts to have the executive's decision overturned by judicial review.

The Al-Fayeds are challenging the trade department's findings before the European Commission of Human Rights as well as defending an action brought by Lonrho, House of Fraser and Kleinwort Benson, the Al-

Fayeds' advisers, alleging con-spiracy to mislead the market. The panel's enquiry focused on the brothers' "business

interests and resources" as

described in three press releases and the offer document. There, the brothers claimed they had "wide-spread international interests including ship-owning, houry hotels, construction, oil, and oil services, banking and

The panel concentrated on whether the brothers' statements during the takeover had created a misleading impression and found accordingly. It did not, however, deliberate on whether these statements were "intentionally misleading" because breach of general principal 12 does not call for this.

The panel cleared Kleinwort Benson of any wrongdoing, finding that the merchant bank had taken reasonable care to ensure its clients had complied with the code.

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Hard-up motorists leave Kwik-Fit deflated at halfway

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

PROFITS of Kwik-Fit Holdings, the replacement tyre and car parts group, almost halved August, from £16.7 million to £9.7 million, putting the skids under the share price, which dropped 21p to 88p, before recovering to close at 96p. At one point this year they were

trading at 225p.

Tom Farmer, the Kwik-Fit chairman and chief executive, who had warned of falling sales when the share price came under pressure in the summer, blamed the result on hard-up motorists who have been switching to cheaper tyres or delaying replacing them altogether.

Mr Farmer, who brought forward the interim results to minimise market uncertainty

— the second half is only two weeks old - said there had been a significant drop in demand for tyres and associated products. Unit sales were 15 per cent lower than a year ago. Until the profit warning,

expectations had been high because the company had prided itself on its ability to thrive during a recession, based on the theory that motorists held on to their cars longer, to the advantage of the replacement parts market. New legislation on tyre

tread depth was introduced in January and had been expected to swell the market, but the substantial increase in sales seen in the last quarter of the group's previous year, was not sustained. Tyre sales dropped in May and June. Mr Farmer said, as private motorists felt the squeeze and large fleet operators introduced more

stringent cost controls. Mr Farmer said police re-ports indicated that in some areas up to 25 per cent of Britain's motorists were driving on illegal tyres. Many of those who did replace their tyres opted for cheaper products with lower margins. Sales of exhausts held up. however. Despite the slump in profits.

BEVERAGESTAND

which included a £1.7 million surplus on property disposals. Kwik-Fit is holding its interim dividend at 1.35p a share. The payment is still comfortably covered by earnings of 3.82p a share, against the 7.01p reported at this time last year.

Mr Farmer said operating costs had been tightly controlled and borrowings were "restricted". Gearing was 6 per cent "and we hope to have it down to zero by the yearend," he added. The group is undertaking a signficant stock reduction programme.

Capital expenditure in the period was £9 million, with seven centres opened, and a further £6 million budgeted for the second half. The group has 30 more sites under

Mr Farmer found it difficult forecast future trading, but he believes the group will benefit as motorists reach the point where they cannot defer car maintenance requirements any longer.

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CONFECTIONERY

British Polythene leaps 44%

By MATTHEW BOND

BRITISH Polythene, Britain's biggest producer of polythene film, has reported a 44 per cent increase in first-half pre-tax profits to £6.5 million. Cameron McLatchie, chairman, described the results as excellent, but warned that the company had not seen any recovery in demand and that in recent months there had been indications from its industrial and construction sector customers of a further

He said the improvement in profits had been due to focus and specialisation in the product range and the tighter management controls imple-mented throughout the group in the past few years. The dividend for the six months to end-June rises to 3.5p (3p). Operating margins increased from 7.8 per cent to 9.2 per cent. The interest charge fell from £1.2 million last time to £771,000.

The company announced it had bought BP Chemical's polythene film business for £6.4 million. The acquisition, to be known as Novathene Films, will form part of a new films division as part of a

corporate restructuring.

Six investment firms declared in default

THE Investors Compensation Scheme has declared six firms in default, opening the way for investors to make claims. Five of the companies are regulated by Fimbra and one is authorised by the Securities and Investments Board. The Fimbra firms are Brombard Investment Services. Castle Financial Services (East Anglia). Investment Marketing Services, Morton Dunn Financial Services and Scantlebury & Whyte Independent Financial Services. The SIB firm is Castle Dyke Financial Services.

The compensation scheme will contact all known investors with these firms. Any investors not hearing from investors with these firms.

the scheme should contact the Investors Compensation Scheme, Gavrelle House, 2-14 Bunbill Row, London EC1.

Ossory reshuffles board

OSSORY Estates, the property company, has reshuffled its board for the second time this year. John Walker is stepping down as chairman and managing director but will continue as a director. Christoper Spence, who joined the board in January, will become non-executive chairman and Norman Turner will become managing director. Mr Turner is chairman of Intercity Property Group. Ossory's largest shareholder, with a 6.5 per cent stake. Intercity acquired the stake last year.

EIS rises with caution

EIS Group, the specialist engineer, unveiled another rise in EIS Group, the specialist engineer, unveiled another rise in first half profits but sounded a more cautious note on second-half prospects. The group maintained margins despite price falls in many of its companies, helping pre-tax profits climb 4 per cent to £7.34 million in the six months to end-June. Sales edged up to £95.5 million (£92.1 million). An interim dividend of 3.225p (3.175p) is recommended. Earnings dipped to 13.062p (14.211p) diluted by last year's £18.3 million rights issue. The shares fell 4p to 366p.

Photo-Me profits slip

PRE-TAX profits at Photo-Me International, the photo-graphic booth to express print services group, have slipped from £17.1 million to £16.4 million, but the group is paying a 3.1p final dividend for the year ended last April, lifting the total for the year from 4.2p to 4.4p. David Miller, the managing director, said that despite a difficult financial year, the group had achieved a 7 per cent increase in sales at £114.8 million. Earnings per share rose from 17.06p to 17.9p. The group continued to invest heavily.

Ransomes in the black

RANSOMES, the lawnmower manufacturer, is back in profit, but is still not resurning dividend payments. The first six months of 1992 produced pre-tax profits of £2.01 million on sales of £79.8 million, compared with the loss of £770,000 incurred in the first half of 1991 on a turnover of £76.8 million. Earnings are 1.4p a share, against a deficit of 1.6p. Trading in the second half will continue to be demanding, Bob Dodsworth, the group chief executive, said. Shareholders last received a dividend in 1990.

Gola Footwear sold

PORTER Chadburn, the specialist packaging and consumer leisure group, is selling Gola Footwear to William Lamb Footwear in a deal that could not up to £3.5 million in cash over the next four years. The stocks and business of Gola are being sold for £2 million. Porter will grant WLF a licence to worldwide rights to the Gola name in return for royalty payments totalling £650,000 over four years. WLF also has the right to acquire the brand for £1.35 million.

FII declines 10%

A FALL into losses at the scientific equipment division has contributed to a 10 per cent decline in pre-tax profits at FII Group, which is primarily involved in footwear manufacturing. Taxable profits for the year to end-May dropped from £7.2 million to £6.5 million on turnover virtually unchanged at £80.2 million. The final dividend has been increased from 7.75p to 8.5p, making 14p for the year, up 10 per cent. FII said margins had been depressed by the UK recession and, overseas, by adverse exchange rates.

Shearson to sell unit

AMERICAN Express's Shearson Lehman Brothers Holdings unit expects an after-tax gain of about \$150 million from the sale of The Boston Company to Mellon Bank. The deal will raise Shearson's tangible equity by about \$250 million. The sale is for \$1.453 billion. Under the agreement, TBC will be sold to Mellon for \$1.301 billion in cash \$115 million in Mellon Bank constants. cash, \$115 million in Mellon Bank common stock and 10year warrants. The deal will reduce Shearson's double leverage and improve capital ratios and liquidity.

Rank Organisation deal

THE Rank Organisation, the leisure combine, has sold Rank Screen Advertising to a consortium for £20 million in cash and further subordinated preference shares worth £1 million. Another payment will be made to reflect the working capital within the business when the offer is completed. Rank Screen Advertising made trading profits of £2.5 million in the last financial year and had a book value of £5.3 million. The wendow's business that he find a book value of £5.3 million. The wendow's business that he find a book value of £5.3 million. value of £5.3 million. The vendor is backed by funds advised by Schroder Ventures.

Sir Graham Day, Chairman

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MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKET PLACE

THE CONTENTS OF THIS STATEMENT, FOR WHICH THE DIRECTORS OF CADBURY SCHWEPPES PLC ARE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE, HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECTION 57 OF THE FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT 1986 BY ARTHUR ANDERSEN, AS AN AUTHORISED PERSON .

Pre-tax: £1.04m EPS: 7.0p (6.0p) Div: 1.9p (1.8p) ASPEN COMMS (Int) Pre-tax: £923,000 EPS: 4.6p (5.6p) Div: 2.0p (2.7p)

J BILLAM (Int) Pre-tax: £239,000 EPS: 9.9p (4.5p) Div: 1.9p (1.64p)

KINGSTON OIL & GAS Pre-tax: £209,000 EPS: 1.08p (4.48p) Div: 1.0p (1.0p)

ROSKEL (Int) Pre-tax: 2652,000 EPS: 2,91p (2,37p) Div: 1,30p (1,30p) SHARPE & FISHER (Int) Pre-tax: £420,000 EPS: 1.5p (LPS: 1.4p) Div: 1.5p (1.5p)

UTD PRIENDLY GROUP Pre-tax: £9.51m (£7.76m) EPS: 9.14p (7.22p) Div. 4.90p (4.20p) STAR COMPUTER (Int) Pre-tex: £119,000 EPS: 1.9p (LPS: 12.6p) Div: Nii (nii)

Last time's profit was £548,000. Turnover rose to £22.8m (£20.2m). Despite margin pressure, group says profits remain satisfactory. There was a £252,000 loss last time. Company said it is not possible to guarantee a maintained full-year dividend, due to economic climate.

Last time's profit was £922,000. Turnover rose to £9,68m (£8,54m). Gearing reduced to about 27 per cent. Trading remains difficult.

Last time's profit was £1.15m. Company expects total dividend for the year to be no less than in 1991. Turnover: £28.9m (£28m).

Last time's profit was £109,000. Gearing reduced to 36 per cent, against 70 per cent 18 months ago. Turnover static at £3.08m.

Interim results. Last time's profit was £761,000. Turnover fell 18 per cent to £2.94m. Profits fall mainly due to lower US contribution.

Interim results. Total life and general premiums were up 15 per cent to £140.1m. General branch underwriting loss: £1.7m (£4.2m). There was an £386,000 loss last time Turnover fell to £7.33m (£13.7m). Star said both trading companies have returned to profitability.

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Lloyd's near to creating aid scheme for names

By Jonathan Prynn, insurance correspondent

from the end of the year. The

subject was raised at Wednes-

day's meeting of the ruling

Council of Lloyd's when Mr

Coleridge informed his fellow

council members that he had

The plan would involve

representatives of action

groups of names negotiating

with market figures, such as

the heads of the market associ-

ations and leading errors and

omissions underwriters, to see if an agreement could be

reached over providing limit-ed relief to the financially most

distressed names.
If this relief could be topped

up with funds raised volun-

tarily from the market, many

names believe they could

struggle on without having to

sell their homes and other

assets until personal stop loss

and tax recoveries provide

The plan has been greeted

with sceptical approval by the

market, which otherwise faces

further rounds of damaging

and costly legal actions result-

ing from the huge losses suffered by names on the

Gooda Walker, Feltrim and

Alan Jackson, a council

member, said: "I would be

quite happy to talk until the

cows come home if it will help.

Whether anything would

come out of it or not is more

difficult." The proposal is fraught with difficulty as the

errors and ommissions under-

writers cannot ignore their

legal reponsibilities to their

One meeting between repre-

sentatives of action groups, the

ALM, and the market has already taken place and a schedule has been drawn up

for further meetings, some of

which will concentrate on

specific issues such as errors

Paul Archard, the chairman

of the Lloyd's Underwriting

Agents' Association, who at-tended the initial meeting,

said that "from the point of view of bridge building the

meeting was sensible." but he

added that agreement on spe-

cific issues was going to be

and ommissions cover.

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further financial assistance.

received an approach.

LLOYD'S of London is believed to be close to establishing a formal structure for exploring ways of providing financial relief for the hardest

The idea has been mooted by Neil Shaw, the chairman of the Association of Lloyd's Members and is thought to have been favourably received by both David Coleridge, the current chairman, and David Rowland, his likely successor

ITC makes plea over outside producers

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

INDEPENDENT producers must be contracted to make programmes for specific ITV companies, despite the introduction of a new central commissioning system meant to end the old ITV programme supply cartel, the Independent Television Commission (ITC) said yesterday.

In a submission to the Office of Fair Trading, which is empowered to ensure the new networking arrange-ments are fair and competitive, the commission said responsibility for compliance with regulatory requirements had to rest upon the ITV licensees, on whom sanctions could be imposed.

But independent producers have told the OFT that the placement of programmes with individual licences is unnecessary and opens the way for exorbitant "handling fees" and other charges imposed by ITV companies. Compliance, they say, could be

delegated or collectivised. PACT, the independent producers' trade association, has supplied the OFT with evidence that some ITV companies are paying independents less than the agreed network tariff received for the programme. The discrepancy in some cases is as high as 20 per cent. The ITC's submission comes as the ITV Association opted to locate the central scheduling unit at ITN's Gray's Inn Road

Yesterday the ITC, which agreed that independents must have the right to approach the central unit directly for commissioning purposes, said only a specific ITV company could ultimately ensure compliance with regulations by monitoring the production process to ensure an independently-produced programme "satisfies the original specifica-tion, quality and cost requirements". It said that as ITV licences have been granted on the basis that licensees can both broadcast and produce programmes, the OFT must not interpret the competition test "in a way which treats vertical integration of this kind as either undesirable in practice or unacceptable in

The OFT said last month that refusing independents direct access to the central commissioning unit was 'anti-competitive practice".

Forth Ports profits from private ownership



Steaming ahead: Hugh Thompson, chief executive, left, and Wilson Murray, finance director of Forth

Whitbread sells 233

pubs to buy-in team

By Our City Staff

Monopolies and Mergers

Commission's investigation of

The buy-in team is led by Paul Smith, former group managing director of Deven-

ish, and includes a number of

former colleagues at the brew-

er. Their portfolio of former

Whitbread pubs is concentrat-

ed in South Wales with others

in the South East, South West,

Midlands and North of Eng-

land. The pubs will be owned

by a new company, Discovery

Mr Smith said: "We want to enhance the traditional values"

that once made Britain's pubs renowned throughout the

world for their good ale and for the hospitality of their

The deal was arranged and

led by Kleinwort Benson Dev-

elopment Capital and backed

by funds from other City

institutions. Bank finance was

landlords.

the industry.

WHITBREAD, the brewing

and retailing group, is on the

brink of compliance with the

government's orders on public

house ownership after yester-day's sale of 233 pubs to a

management buy-in team.
The deal, believed to be

worth between £20 million

and £25 million, brings the

number of pubs Whitbread has sold or leased free of tie

since 1989 to 2,200, raising

Whitbread has 100 more

pubs to release to meet the

government's requirements

and expects to do so "over the

next few weeks". The deadline

Peter Jarvis, Whitbread's chief executive, said the divest-

ment and leasing programme

had been "an enormous task

in the recessionary market".

Whitbread will be left with

4,300 managed and tenanted

pubs after compliance with the

around £200 million.

is November 1.

FORTH Ports. Scotland's largest port operator, which was privatised this year, has declared a maiden interim dividend of 2p a share after unveiling pre-tax profits of £5.25 million in the six months to end-June.

The group, which operates six ports on the Forth estuary, is the seventh largest port operator in the United Kingdom. Operating profits rose 5 per cent to £5 million. on turnover ahead 7.5 per cent to £16.2 million. Profits at Forth, where Hugh Thompson is chief executive and Wilson Murray is finance director, were boosted by an unforeseen contract from a big customer.

William Thomson, chairman, said: "The result is very encouraging given the low level of economic activity. Although our tonnage figures are down on 1991, turnover and operating profit have

There was an extraordinary gain of £1.2 million on a government debt repayment. Earnings were 11.4p a share. while gearing was 30 per cent. Analysts are looking for full-year pre-tax profits of about £7.5 million. The shares rose 9p to 176p, comparing well with March's

Inter-firm loans

By Patricia Tehan

has warned its members to

check loans made by a UK

company to a non-resident

The government inserted

the clause to co-ordinate its treatment of taxation of equity

notes with the way they are

equity notes were regarded as

debt in the UK and as equity

in the US. Under the 1992

Finance Act equity notes are

now treated as equity. This

means, under the new rules,

treated in America. Previously

company in the same group.

may be taxable

THE insured cost of the damage caused by Hurricane Iniki, which devastated the may become subject to corpo-Hawaiian island of Kauai at ration tax after the governthe weekend, has been esti-

mated at about \$5 billion. The claims will bring fur-ther pain to the American insurance industry after the \$8 billion Hurricane Andrew loss in Florida last month.

Hurricane

Iniki claims

put at \$5bn

In both cases the bulk of the cost will be borne by American direct insurers and claims will have only a limited impact on the London reinsurance market.

Nicholas Balcombe, the managing director of Balcombe Group, an insurance claims management special-ist, said: "Iniki is the most powerful storm to have hit the island this century. Its power is comparable to that of Hurricane Andrew.

"Communications on the island have been severely disrupted, making initial assessment of the damage more INTER-COMPANY loans distribution for corporation

tax purposes. But the ACT complains that ment squeezed new rules into this year's Finance Act as it the drafting of the new act means that inter-company passed through Parliament. Gerald Leahy, director genloans to a subsidiary resident outside the UK will be affected eral of the Association of where there is no particular Corporate Treasurers, ACT, redemption date or where the has criticised the government redemption date is more than for "the rather sneaky way" it 50 days after the advance. introduced anti-avoidance leg-islation into the act. The ACT

The new rules apply to interest on all loans paid after May 14 this year, regardless of when the loan was made. They mean the payer will have to account for advance corporation tax of a third of the actual amount of interest paid and the interest will not be deductable against UK tax-

able income and gains.

Mr Leahy said normally such changes to the Finance Act would be raised in the Budget proposals and there would be "a good deal of discussion" before changes

GPA looks towards **Continent** for finance

FROM REUTER IN DUBLIN

GPA Group, the world's largest aircraft-leasing company, is to seek a Luxembourg listing for its \$300 million refinancing, and Tony Ryan. the firm's founder, may contribute up to \$25 million of his personal fortune.

Aviation sources said on Monday that a listing for the convertible share issue will be sought initially in Luxembourg and then in other

financial centres.

A quotation will assist liquidity for the cash-strapped firm whose \$1 billion flotation on the world's leading stock markets had to be cancelled abruptly in June for lack of investor support.
Since then, GPA has been

urgently seeking fresh equity ground of a turbulent aviation industry hit by airline bank-ruptcies and struggling manufacturers. GPA is trying to reschedule

its programme of aircraft acquisitions down from about \$12 billion to \$5 billion up to the year 2000. The company is locked in talks with Boeing, Airbus, Fokker and McDonnell Douglas. It is also negotiating a \$750 million securitisation package known as Alps, the details of which are being hammered out with

Citibank. The sources said Ryan told GPA's shareholders he was prepared to contribute on a pro-rata basis to the refinancing. That would mean approximately \$25 million as he has an 8 per cent stake in the

company he founded. Another possible fund-raising avenue is the sale of some of the group's companies. GPA, based at Shannon airport in western Ireland, has invested about \$50 million in technology joint ventures such as GPA Pacific Aero Support and Pacific Aviation. It is understood that low-yielding assets are all being examined. Aer Lingus, the Irish state airline, and Air Canada, two

major shareholders in GPA, had been eager to sell a large chunk of their shares in the failed flotation to finance fleet replacement programmes.

Japan's Mitsubishi Trust and Longterm Credit Bank,

two other large private share-

holders, may be reluctant to

inject more cash because of

domestic problems, analysis

Frozen fare: chairman Henry Clarke dismayed market

Clarke Foods pulls interim on pay day

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National Westminster Bank announces the

following interest rates, effective

from 15 September 1992:

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By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

CLARKE Foods, the high profile ice cream maker that owns the Lyons Maid brand. has dismayed the stock market by withdrawing the prom-ised interim dividend on the day it was to be paid. The company promptly lost two shares collapsed 43p to 21p.

The half-way figures when the dividend was announced. the first trading statement since the purchase of Lyons Maid in January, were marred by production problems that meant insufficient ice cream was available at the start of the summer, but the interim payment to share-

holders was held at 0.75p.

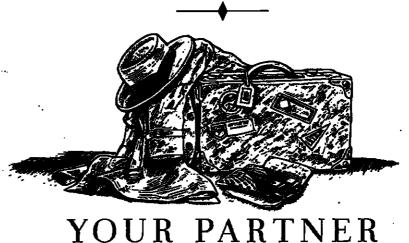
The group, chasired by
Henry Clarke, says production problems have been resolved but poor weather since late July has left sales considerably short of expectations. leaving it carrying "substan-

tial stocks" of completed but unsold product. This has affected cash resources because the company has been unable to use more than half its invoice discounting facility. the only working capital available, and payments to suppliers and creditors have been delayed. "It is therefore no longer appropriate to pay a dividend," the company said.

Clarke Foods is in talks with bankers to remedy the shortage of working capital, principally by converting all or some of its invoice discounting facility into an over-draft. "Every effort is being made to conclude these discussions as quickly as possible," a statement to the Stock Exchange said. The company was unavailable for comment. The shares, quoted on the USM, have eroded in recent months, even before

yesterday's abrupt decline.

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New driver for smooth-running Inchcape

AS SIR David Plastow slips behind the Inchcape wheel for the first time this morning, he will find a company that appears to be running as smoothly as any Silver Cloud that purred off the production line during his years in the driving seat at Rolls-Royce Motors

With only a third of group turnover arising in the UK. and rather more in the more buovant economies east of Calcutta, recession is having a relatively restricted impact. and profits grew 6.5 per cent at the operating level, even after stripping out the fourmonth contribution from the £382 million TKM acquisition.

However, Toyota failed to make the expected advance on its 2.33 per cent UK market share, the important beer keg business in Japan suffered in comparison with last year's strong perfor-mance, insurance profits were hit by the virtual disappearance of the reinsurance market and shipping services had to cope with the break-up of the Scan-Dutch consortium.

But the beauty of Inchcape is that whatever the number of swings, there are invariably as many roundabouts. Hence surging petfood sales in Japan, a better than expected maiden contribution from Spinneys in the Middle East. and stronger performances from buying services and the testing division services made up the lost ground, along with the boom in trade with China.

Inchcape's unique position ket place of all should not be under-estimated in the longer

SHARES in London surged

ahead, with the value of equi-

ties swelling by £9.4 billion as

the City took cheer from a

firmer pound and marginally

improved prospects of a much-

needed cut in domestic inter-

through the 2,400 level, open-

ing with a 99.5 point advance

as the market-makers were

caught short of stock and

marked prices sharply higher.

early gains halved in a volatile

session after some disappoint-

ment in the size of the German

rate cut. Sentiment was boost-

ed by a strong start on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones

average up more than 59

points in early trade, helping the FT-SE close 51.2 points

higher at 2,422.1. The nar-

rower FT index of 30 shares

However, shares saw their

The FT-SE 100 index swept

term. For now though, the better-than-expected first half will make it easier to achieve the £250 million pre-tax profit and 30.5p eps analysts had pencilled in, even though the late arrival of the Corolla has made life even more difficult for the UK motor business.

Next year will see the first Carina's running off the Burnaston production line, and should bring recoveries in insurance and shipping services. With Charles Mackay now settled in as chief executive, boardroom confidence is underlined by the interim dividend rise to 5.4p, and the shares, 420p last night, merit their 13.7 earnings multiple.

Morgan Crucible

AS THE UK economy continues to shrink, the proportion of Morgan Crucible's earnings derived from overseas markets climbs inexorably. In the first half of the year, it reached 84 per cent, up a further two percentage points. The company's turnover in the UK market is now worth less than half the value of its American sales, and, given the ACT penalty paid for being domiciled in the UK, the company seems an obvi-ous candidate for relocation.

The group says it has addressed the issue many times. but one factor has always kept its headquarters on British soil - the local presence of a liquid source of equity funds in the shape of the London stock market. The company has sometimes been criticised for the frequency of its rights

ume surpassed recent

justify the gains.

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pressed levels, reaching 537.9

million shares, but dealers

complained that it failed to

early running, especially the

big dollar earners. The curren-

cy's strength against the pound is good news for them.

It makes them more competi-

tive and provides a further

boost to profits when translat-

ing from dollars back into

Double figure gains were

commonplace, although most

stocks closed below their best.

ICI ended up 4p to £10.72, having touched £11.15, Glazo

22½p to 790p, SmithKline Beecham 'A' 13p to 502½p, BAT Industries 29p to 777p, Reuters 26p to £11.44, BTR

18p to 448p, and Courtaulds 5p to 427p. Other dollar-

Leading shares made the



Different picture: Sir David Plastow, left, new chairman of Incheape, with Sir David Orr, centre, the outgoing chairman, and Charles Mackay, chief executive

little doubt that the flexibility afforded by opportunistic, equity-financed acquisitions has allowed it to achieve enviable geographical diversification.
This gives it attractive sta-

bility of earnings and flattens out the effects of roller-coaster currency markets. Profits in the first half were up 9 per cent to £31 million and the interim dividend held at 5.75p. The company has to put up with its shares being priced at a small discount to the market rating. However,

FT all-share index

issues. However, there is its earnings are underpinned by niche specialist materials products, many of which enjoy global market leadership, and should be regarded as solid. The shares, up 4p at 248p, are valued at about 12.6 times this year's earn-ings on the market's profit expectations of around £65 million. A fairly priced hedge for UK economic pessimists.

> Dalgety IN THE hit or miss world of food manufacturing, to err on

the side of duliness is currently the surest way of currying avour with investors. Predictability is king. So, curious as it may seem, it is actually a compliment to describe Maurice Warren's greatest achievement as making Dalgety, the foods and agribusiness group, profoundly dull. For it was not always so.

Mr Warren's promotion may have been a stop-gap move, but in his three years as chief executive he has successfully transformed the company. What the sale of Gill &

business, and the Australian operations started, the positive cash flow of the honed down core activities has contimed. Borrowings have fall-en from some £300 million three years ago to £57 million. giving a undemanding gear-

ing level of 15 per cent.

If it resists the buying opportunities that will surely come its way, borrowings should be more or less eliminated in a year's time, despite a budgeted increase in capital expenditure to £80 million.

The company's faith and investment in its branded products such as Golden Wonder, Spiller's and Homepride has been rewarded with a £10 million increase in trading profits to £59.8 million. More impressive is the increase in margins from 9.2 to 10.3 per cent. Food Ingredients also fared comparatively well with trading profits only 62.1 million lower at 621.5 million, despite fierce competition.

A strong performance from the Pig Improvement Company helped agri-business defy generally adverse trading itions with profits of £28.1 million, £1.3 million up on last year. Food distribution made a £12 million profit, but its paper-thin margins continue to raise question marks

over its long-term future.
The dullness factor means that as things stand pre-tax profits of £117 million may grow to only £120 million this

But duliness has its rewards and a price earning multiple of ten suggests the shares are worth nibbling at.

96p after seeing half-year pre-

tax profits tumble from £16.7

million to £9.7 million. Sales of tyres and other products

have fallen sharply.

Whithread 'A' rose 6p to 394p

after announcing the disposal

of 223 pubs to Discovery

lans. The move effectively

completes Whitbread's com-

pliance with the Supply of

MTM, the chemicals com-

pany which last week an-

nounced interim losses of £28

million, eased 1p to 28p

despite news that Ken Scho-

field, the chief executive

brought in to help to sort out

Beer order.

New York — American shares roared ahead in early trading, fuelied by a dollar raily after the interest rate reduction by the Bundesbank. The Dow Jones industrial average was

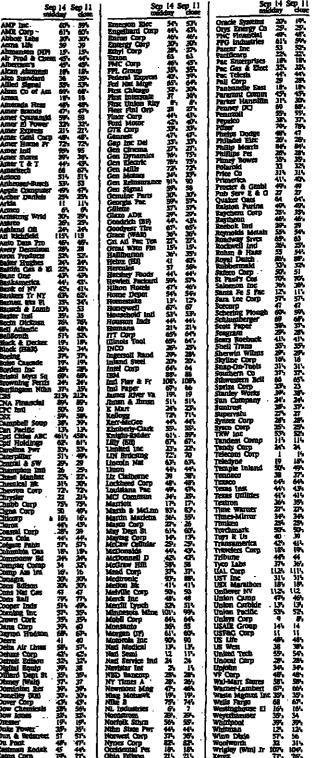
up 35.13 points at 3.340.83

in mid-morning. Advancing

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shares eleven to two on volume of 21 million.

□ Tokyo - Shares closed higher, led by strong futures. The Nikkei average was up 363.71 points or 2.01 per cent to 18,471.40, with an estimated 230 million shares traded. (Reuter).



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RESULTS FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1992

United Friendly Group pic

■ Total premiums up 15% to £140.1 million.

- New life annual premiums up 8% to £11.3 million and
- single premiums of £13.5 million from £0.4 million.
- Fre tax profit up 23% to £9.5 million, dividend increased by 17%. ■ General business underwriting loss reduced from £4.2 million
- to £1.7 million.

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·	1992	1991	1991
	£m	£m	£m
Premiums — Life	98.7	86.0	165.8
— General	41.4	35.7	71.7
Life business profits	3.9	4.1	10.7
General branch underwriting loss	(1.7)	(4.2)	(4.0)
Investment income and other profits	7.3	7.9	13.4
Profit attributable to shareholders	7.5	5.0	15.6
Dividend per share	4.90p	4.20p	12.30p
Earnings per share	9.14p	7.22p	20.20p

The results for the half years ending 30 June 1991 and 30 June 1992 have been taken from the unaudited 1992 Interim Statement.

The 1992 interim Statement will be sent to all Shareholders on 22 September 1992. Copies may

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Investors take cheer from a firmer pound

jumped 45.5 to 1,775.4. Vol- earners to advance were softening of German interest lus to the economy that a cut in

the Lombard rate cut was a

little disappointing, cuts in other German rates were viewed positively. Investors

looked on the package of cuts

Among those funds sport-

ing advances, Exchequer 94

per cent 1998 rose £15/16 to

£1015/16, while Treasury 94

per cent 2002 gained £119/32

to £1045/16 and Treasury 9 per cent 2012 added £111/32

to £1029/16. Dealers now

expect gilt markets to calm

down, with the likelihood of

some profit-taking ahead of

this weekend's French refer-

as the first of a series.

Homepride food group, rose 10p to 395p after pleasing the market with a £6 million rise in half-year figures to £116.8 million. Inchespe, the international services group, also cheered analysts with better than expected interim figures showing pre-tax profits £25.8 million higher at £117.1 million. The shares responded with a rise of 22p to 420p. The biggest fall on the day

interest rates might generate.

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was seen in Clarke Foods, the USM-quoted food manufacturer, which tumbled 43p to 21p after cancelling its already proposed interim dividend 0.75p. Poor weather since July means sales of ice cream have fallen short of expectations and large amounts of unsold stock has hit cash resources.

Kwik-Fit, the tyre and ex-haust specialist, lost 13p to

the group's problems, had bought 331,000 shares at 29p each. Other directors bought a total of 65.000 shares, also at

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AD MARKETS

nce City economists and businessmen had got over the shock of the weekend changes in the ERM, most started to play down their significance. After all, the cut in the Bundesbank's lombard rate, trumpeted on Sunday night, turned out to be a minimal quarter point. Little has changed in the objective circumstances facing business, apart from a minor recovery in the value of dollardenominated assets, and the French have yet to vote on Maastricht. Even the 2.2 per cent rise in share prices was relatively modest, choked off perhaps by market-makers keener to protect their backs than to encourage business.

This grudging response misses the point. Little may have changed objectively in an ailing person's condition if a medical report reveals that the patient is not suffering from a life threatneing disease, but that should have a profound effect on the patient's attitude and future plans. Until the Bundesbank realised it could not ignore life west of Aachen, the ailing British business patient had a genuine fear of some international financial spasm this autumn, akin to the stock market crash of 1987. That spectre is now disappearing, wide as the gap remains between European and American interest rates. There was a more tangible threat that the next movement in German interest rates might be upwards. That threat has virtually been extinguished. German rates have peaked and begun to fall, albeit future movements geared to German mone-tary conditions might be painfully slow.

A threat remains that British interest rates might need to be raised to support sterling in the ERM. Immediate market reaction suggested that the removal of lira weakness might even focus more attention on sterling at the bottom of the ERM. Yet even that possibility now looks insubstantial. On top of the foreign currency borrowing package, which will be used to buy £7.25 billion of sterling by the end of the financial year, there is a further quarter point of interest rate daylight between sterling and the mark. Moreover, the passing of an ERM realignment without sterling being devalued adds credibility to the pound and removes incentives to speculate. The odds have worsened against sterling bears.

Currency gyrations and vague threats of financial crashes or interest rate increases have undermined confidence again over the past two months, raising the possibility that the economy might even turn down again in the autumn. Consumers and businessmen can now wake from that nightmare and start getting on with the job again, confident of

Soft ecu

Britain's hard ecu plan seems finally to have been buried. The face-saving ERM realignment formula had the lira being devalued by 3.5 per cent and the others revalued by 3.5 per cent against the ecu, the numeraire of the system. In reality, the lira was devalued by about 6 per cent, automatically cutting the value of the basket currency. The other currencies therefore rose by about 0.8 per cent against the ecu, making it flexible rather than soft. In the hard ecu plan, the value of the basket currency would always go up with the strongest currency in a realignment, acting as an anti-inflationary influence under the stern control of an independent monetary authority. This might be irrelevant if the French give the go-ahead to Maastricht and the Community, including Denmark and Britain, moves directly to a single currency. If not, the events of the weekend point to the ERM and the ecu remaining the product of political compromise.

EC's intervention lays bare Italy's economic and political impotence

EUROPEAN VIEW

The realignment of the lira is only

a phenomenon of a

much deeper economic

malaise, says

Wolfgang Münchau

nnouncing a cut in German interest rates, even before the Bundesbank has had the chance to rubberstamp the decision, must have been a rare pleasure for Giuliano Amato, Italy's prime minister. Unfortunately, this is about as much pleasure as he, his five-party coalition government, and his country will get out of the realignment in Europe's exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) and the German rate cut.

The 7 per cent de-facto devaluation of the Italian lira and the quarterpoint cut in German interest rates will in the end have done little more than to relieve short-term market tensions, after unbearable pressures in the ERM at the end of last week. But Italy has paid a high price for the bail-out - the country is clearly willing to permit a great deal of outside intervention in its own policies to tackle deep-seated economic ills. The European Community has effectively imposed on Italy specific budgetary cuts as a price for this realignment.

Professor Amato's frantic prodamations yesterday only bear testi-mony to the sheer panic in his country. When he said "this is not a lira devaluation, this is a revaluation of the mark", even his most ardent supporters would have found it difficult to believe him.

A senior Italian banker was able to muster a marginally greater degree of credibility a little later by conceding that this was "an honourable defeat". In reality, this was a humiliation that laid bare Italy's economic vulnerability and political impotence.

This humiliation was highlighted in Sunday night's stark statement by the EC Monetary Committee that contained none of the normal diplomatic "non-language" and made it clear that Italy had to fulfil certain conditions as its part of the bargain. The Italian government, with the 1993 budget, and with other structural measures, especially in the areas of pension, public health and publicsector wages, will substantially curb the public deficit and reduce inflation," the statement said. The deadline for this budget is the end of this month, so Italy will have little

It is extraordinary to see that the EC is no longer satisfied to tell Italy what to do. It now tells the country how to do it. This may prove the shape of things to come once European monetary union becomes operative. It also serves as a sotto voce



A voice in the wilderness: Giuliano Amato's radical proposals were rejected by the Italian president

warning to everybody else if they decide not to toe the European line. Here we have a case of an unelected EC committee not merely deciding monetary policy, but also telling one of its member states to cut its budget. Worse, the European monetary committee tells them to do so in specific areas: pension, health and wages. In terms of the erosion of national sovereignty, one can hardly think of a more blatant way of doing

At the same time, there can be no doubt that Italy is in dire need of radical measures to reform its economy. The country has a budget deficit of 11 per cent of gross domestic product and a national debt greater than its entire GDP. In that respect Italy is way out of line with France. out of line with the 3 per cent budgetdeficit ceiling as set out by the Maastricht treaty.

The hope that Italy can solve its problems on its own accord has consistently been disappointed. An attempt to apply radicalism from the inside failed last week, when Professor Amato asked for special powers to run economic policy by decree, by-passing parliament. Such emergency powers are virtually unknown in the western world and are more reminiscent of the way some of eastern Europe's fledgling governments op-erate. But Professor Amato's proposal was rejected by the Italian president, Oscar Scalfaro, who declared that the proposal in its present form "could not carry my signature". Leading politicians of most parties have also denounced the plan.

ossibly this means, as Italian commentators suggested, that Professor Amato's reform-minded government, may have to be replaced by an even disparate interests, which may also include the communists and perhaps even some of the leghe, the country's regional independence movements.

In the end, it may matter only little who runs Italy. Italians appear to be resigned to accepting that they can-

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not achieve economic reform on their own accord and need outside disci-

The cliche that Italians favour the EC because it serves as their only hope to get a non-corrupt and effective government, is sadly only too

It is no wonder, therefore, that financial markets remain sceptical about the lira and the country as a whole. This sceptism will certainly last until the French vote on the Maastricht treaty this Sunday. It might conceivably outlast a French 'yes" vote. If the French vote "no", yesterday's realignment will only have acted as a precursor to another, much more fundamental realignment of ERM currencies, and Italy would once again be under severe devalued, and the dream of Italy being in the first league of those countries heading for European

monetary union would evaporate. For ordinary Italians, yesterday's news probably amounts to a mixed blessing. There is some hope that a

devaluation of the lira would improve the plight of the corporate sector and help create jobs. Yet they are only too aware that the devaluation is only the phenomenon of a much deeper and fundamental malaise in the economy, one that cannot be cured by the simple tokens of economic policy.

The contrast with the heyday of the 1980s could not be starker. Italians have always unhappy about what many call the "political class", but this never mattered greatly as long as the mess created by Italian politicians was cancelled out by the unlikely success story of Italy's economy.

The most celebrated success story was the so-called sorpasso in the 1980s, when Italy claimed to have overtaken Britain in terms of GDP. These days, Italians no longer talk

about il sorpasso but about la recessione, about the large-scale job losses in virtually every sector, about the impact of emergency taxation, and about the special duties on everyday

The precise extent of the national disillusionment depends on the region. The mezziogiomo, the poor south, where hardship has become a fact of life, is not particularly hit, unlike the wealthy and industrial north. In some northern pockets, the change in sentiment is particularly

haps the city of Turin. conglomerate. Fiat has been one of the greatest casualties of the recession and the artifically high lira. In the 1980s, Fiat used to be close on the heels of Volkswagen as Europe's largest carmaker, but the Italians have since fallen back. The company lost market share not only elsewhere in Europe but, most ominously of all, also at home, where it had traditionally dominated. The result was a collapse in profits, mass redundancies and short-time working. For Turin, it was an almost

For Fiat and other Italian companies the 7 per cent devaluation will, the short term, lead to an improvement in trade with the rest of the Community.

In a perfect world, this would mean that the price of a Fiat car could come down by an equivalent amount, thus giving the ailing carmaker a significant boost.

At the same time, the price of foreign goods in Italy would rise, thus improving Italy's competitiveness at home as well. Nevertheless, Professor Amato, his government, the opposition, and most Italian citizens probably know that devaluation is no more than a token gesture that does not even begin to address the under problems.

Most depressing of all is that whatever the answer to Italy's economic difficulties, this answer will be formulated, dictated and implemented by people whom Italians have not

THE TIMES

Hesketh drives over to BZW

KOR CHANGES

AFTER losing its top insurance research duo to Credit Lyonnais Laing this summer, BZW, hitherto not involved in corporate broking in the insurance sector, is to develop a presence there with the appointment of insurance expert. Michael Hesketh, 43, a director at Warburg Securities. Warburg currently advises 75 per cent of the insurance sector, and Hesketh, who, at Warburg, combines corporate broking with his role as head of insurance research and sales, will concentrate on corporate broking at BZW from November. Hesketh says his combined roles at Warburg present too much conflict — "I know too many things I can't use" and admits his move to BZW became possible when David Hudson and Alan Curus, insurance analysts, joined CLL. He was "out of sympathy", he says, with their "ag-gressive" stance. BZW has held off replacing them pending Hesketh's arrival New appointments should follow.

Bearing up

THERE was a photo opportunity politicians would die for vesterday, but Sir Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of Abbey National, nearly fluffed it as he launched Abbey's 1992 children's charity appeal. Sir Christopher, who made a splash with his house sale tax loss scheme last month, was to be photographed holding toy polar bears, the appeal's symbol, but forgot to hold his up for well known paparazzi man, Richard Young. Gloria Hunniford, the television per-



Tugendhat: appeal launch

sonality, arriving late from Paris, saved the day by thrusting her four bears into Tugendhat's arms, whereupon Young began snapping. The tabloids may not be competing to buy the photographs but Abbey says they will come in handy during the campaign when the fluffy toys will be raffled in Abbey branches, culminating in the "Joy to the World" concert at the Royal Albert Hall on December 15.

Changing partners THE latest unlikely venue for blossoming City romance is the "downstairs room" at the Moorgate branch of Jeeves. the deaners. Mike Brown, the manager, says there is now a seasoned "early morning squad" who drop off suits at 7.30 am and change into clean ones. The first changing room match has been made between a trader from Merrill Lynch and a City PA. "I can't tell you names but they've just got married," says Brown, who is obviously scoring a hit with the ladies. He reports 60 per cent of the suits he cleans

are women's, compared with 20 per cent a year ago. An inveterate label watcher. Brown says the current hot designer name is Tomasz Starvski, also the new favourite of the Princess of Wales.

YES, traders did go a little crazy on Sunday when the Bundesbank dropped its bombshell. One American dealer in London wanted to telephone Boston to give the news to her American dealine partner but did not have his home number. So keen was she to be first to break the news that she contacted directory enquiries and rang all eight entries in Boston under his name, leaving the message with eight perplexed Bosto nians that German interest rates were going down.

Paris match MEN in Short Trousers. The

Frolicking Frogs and The Diplomatic Bags... not the programme for the next Cambridge Footlights but the teams from Prudential, American Express and the Foreign Office who hope to be at the Paris Hilton for Maastricht day on Sunday. Abbey National and Hill Samuel are among other City firms sending four-person teams, which will set off by car from the Barbican on Saturday in Oxfam's 'Great Paris Challenge". There are still places and every team that raises £250 for Oxfam, and gets to Paris in 24 hours, will have its petit dejeuner free at the Hilton. Those who raise £500 will also receive a free sea crossing, and those raising ten times their hotel bill has their bill paid. Contact Liz on 0865 313464.

Debra Isaac

Stop spending a fortune trying CITY DIARY to rig the value of sterling

From Mr C. C. Tett Sir, As any student of Eco-nomics will know, the value of the level of a public company's share price depends on the worth of that company. Were I chairman of a major public company who spent substan-tial amounts of the company's money propping up the share price, no doubt I would be facing a long spell at Her Majesty's pleasure. I have yet to understand why it is perfectly in order for the Treasury to spend thousands of millions of pounds and take ludicrous foreign exchange risks with our money in order to try to support the value of the

The value of any currency is a reflection of the goods and services produced by that

country as measured against the money supply. The market automatically takes all these factors into account and it seems strange to me that a government dedicated to the operation of the law of the market in every sphere has chosen to rig the most important indicator of all, the value of sterling.

A free market means just that. Goods, services and currencies must be allowed to find their own level within the Community. Any attempt by politicians to rig any of these levels is doomed to failure. Yours faithfully, C. C. TETT,

Inappropriate illustration draws wrong picture in environmental argument

Wickham.

Nr Newbury.

From Professor G. Scott

Sir. The thesis outlined by Mr Hills (Business Letters, September 11) that the environmental impact of packaging should be assessed "from the cradle to the grave" is commendable, but the example he has chosen to illustrate it is singularly inappropriate.

Expanded polystyrene may be resource efficient for its primary purpose, but when it appears in the waste stream it is highly energy intensive to dispose of, due to its extremely low density.

Collection and transport for recycling is normally prohibitively energy expensive relative to the value of the recycled product (as Mr Hills points out, it is 98 per cent air!) and in landfill it causes severe problems for the same reason. Furthermore, Mr Hills ignores completely the environmental impact of EPS when it

is discarded as litter. It is particularly visible and persistent in the sea and on the seashore where it is found in quantity due to its nonbiodegradability.

Recycling, or for that matter any other means of collection and disposal, is simply not an option for both financial and energetic reasons and the only practical solution is to enhance its degradability by one of the available degradable plastics technologies: a policy which the British Plastics Federation has consistently opposed.

Yours faithfully, PROFESSOR G. SCOTT MA, MSc, DSc, CChem, FRSC, FPRI. Consultant to the Polymer and Associated Chemical Industries. Green Ridge, Newby, Nr. Middlesbrough,

Heady price of a London pint

From Mr John Willis Sir, Your Business Comment (September 9 on the MMC report on pubs) flatly states that the "huge difference between the price of a pint in the provinces and London" has to do with wages, rents and rates.

One gets weary of this glib excuse for the pub prices cruelly inflicted on Londoners The difference does not apply to sugar from Sainsbury, shirts from Marks, deodorant from Boots, paint from Woolworths ... it does not even apply to beer sold retail. Whatever the additional costs of trading in London may be, all these goods cost the same there as in the provinces.

Not so the pint in a pub. One can only conclude that Londoners have been so conditioned to paying more than the rest of the country for their beer, that they docilely continue to do so without protest. What a marketing triumph for the brewers and the licensed

Yours faithfully. JOHN S. M. WILLIS. 57 Hillmorton Road,

Taurus worry

From Dr J. D. Jackson

Sir. I have made an interest free loan to my son, the repayment of which is overdue. I do, however, hold his only share certificate of similar value as an informal collateral. With the advent of Taurus. would the chairman of the Stock Exchange please explain how I can prevent him selling this holding without my knowledge?

Yours faithfully, Dr J. D. JACKSON, 35 Oueens Road. Blandford Forum.

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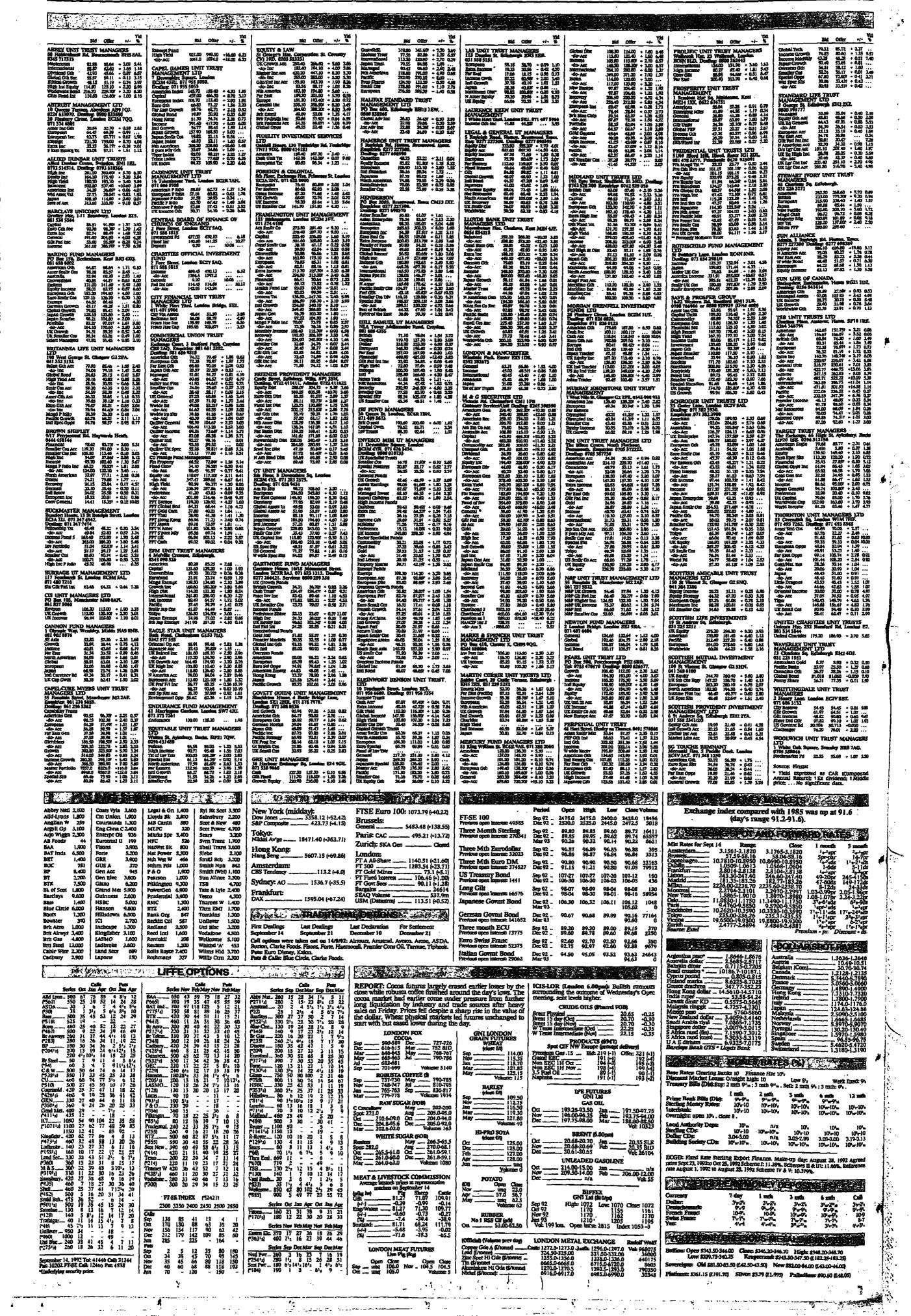
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The drive that inspired deprived areas



THE Prince of Wales will present awards in Edinburgh Castle today to those who have laboured in humbler surroundings to improve others' lives, John Young writes.

The seventh annual Community Enterprise Scheme, sponsored by The Times, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community, invited community imaginative building projects. The

prince is the scheme's patron. Most of the 87 entries in the nine categories were carried out on modest budgets, but they could show what can be achieved in the

The Prince of Wales presents awards today to communities that have striven to improve their surroundings

support such projects receive from local people, and the almost total absence of theft and vandalism. The assessors were particularly impressed by the enthusiasm on the

Broadwater Farm estate, in Tottenham, north London, scene of riots in 1985 in which a police constable died. There are 16 category awards mendations and 39 honourable mentions. The Charles Douelas Home award, in

memory of the late editor of The Scotland, where there has been particular interest. The sponsors include the Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland and Scot-



Saved: the pond in Bethnal Green the council would have built over

Scheme has come a long way since it started in 1985 under the inspiration of the Prince of Wales. The idea was close to the heart of Charles Douglas-Home, then editor of The Times, and the drive he and his companions applied caught the imagination of commu-

nities in deprived areas.

Today, the scheme's main sponsors are again The Times, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community. The idea is simple: to inspire, encourage and help people to help themselves. People know what they

lack, but they do not possess the resources or the techniques. Mr Douglas-Home and his pioneering colleagues saw that, given the advice and resources, the people have the spirit, imagination and determination to design and build what they need to improve their

own built environment. This is the seventh year of a great, glorious and invaluable competition. It is an exciting competition, it has produced magnificent improvements to the built environment, and it provides a joyous occasion in its annual awards day.

This year, for the first time, the awards day is in Edinburgh, not London. The scheme is the guest of the Scottish people, who have always supported it with enthusiasm. It is a fine thing that the prizewinners and those who have won



Lord Scarman: "sheer guts"

mentions should gather with the sponsors and workers, in the company of the prince, to celebrate their achievements-in-the splendid setting of Edinburgh Castle. I mention a few of the great achievements so that the flavour of the competition may be savoured.

"Green Homes in Bertmal Green" is a classic triumph of a community defending its environ-ment, which included a play space and nature area. The local authorwanted to build over this area. The people were furious, enlisted the help of the Tower Hamlets Environment Trust, and worked out a plan for a public square surrounded by affordable housing with a playground and park. To its great credit, the council accepted

tion of the spirit and sheer guts of our people. Long may it prosper.

of scrap material.

shire, was founded in 1985 to offer residential education to people with

reading and writing difficulties. The group was markedly successful

in raising money from the private

sector, the public sector, and volun-

tary organisations. The group, with

splendid assistance from its archi-

tect, is the first UK body to provide a residential centre for basic educa-

tion - in literacy, numeracy and

The participants help to plan their courses, and the group has

built its own college. The result, to

which is the physical manifestation

of a whole number of experiences, and of the creativity and sheer

determination of the individuals who have come together through

Chappel is an Essex village, of about 400 inhabitants. With the

support of its neighbour, Wakes Colne, it has undertaken "an

ambitious programme of environ-mental improvement, clearing out

and restoring the village pond and building a play area". The assessors report: "The entire community of

Chappel and Wakes Colne have

been involved, and the final prod-

uct is absolutely right for the site."

In addition, the children have

built their own play equipment out

The scheme is a modern revela-

English, for example.

this project.

Homes beat handicap

Top award goes to housing

for disabled

Tour mentally handicapped people are now enjoying a new life in their own purpose-built homes within the Aberdeen community after the completion of the Garthdee Project, which brought together several agencies under the co-ordination of the Cornerstone Society, a

registered charity.
The concept to provide good-quality, ordinary hous-ing within the community was relatively simple. However, de-signing the homes, keeping the cost within practical boundaries, making the complex as unobtrusive as possible and, above all, involving local residents and the householders themselves are not so easy. The project wins the Charles Douglas-Home Award for the most outstanding entry and the Community Enterprise

Award for Partnership. Five years ago Cornerstone learned that Scottish Homes, formerly the Scottish Special Housing Association, was to redevelop accommodation and wanted to provide a



Home sweet home: friends gather to celebrate with the residents of the Garthdee Project

complex for people with mental handicaps and associated physical problems.

The design parameters of what became known as the "core" house in the project meant it should be as pleasant as that required by ablebodied people, the special facilities needed must not

mark the house out in an obtrusive way and, essentially, the house should be seen as belonging to the residents, four severely disabled people. Moreover, the cost would have to be low so that any authority could copy the idea elsewhere. The Cornerstone Society formed a steering committee

of representatives of the residents' parents, Grampian health board, the regional social work department, Aberdeen council, Scottish Homes and neighbours. That it succeeded so well is a tribute to their commitment.

Kerry Gill

Co-op puts people first

Residents create a community

from a slum

eople first, everything else second. This was the motto of the Ormiston People's Action Group when its members decided a housing co-operative was the way to regenerate Ormiston Crescent, Dundee,

Kerry Gill writes. Ormiston Crescent is within the Whitfield estate, which was regarded as "difficult to let" by the local council from its completion in the early 1970s. Most families had to climb four storeys to reach their front

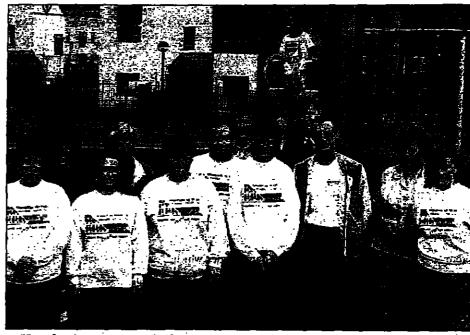
doors. To hang out washing

they had to go back down the stairs, and there was nowhere for children to play safely. In 1983 an action group was formed with the aim of forcing improvements. Al-though the council improved three blocks; more and more homes became empty. In

a housing co-operative.

The next year a multimillion-pound funding package was announced by the
Housing Corporation, now
Scottish Homes. Dundee

1987 the action group formed



Happier days: now the children play on the housing estate at Ormiston Crescent

council gave the group a £10,000 start-up grant and helped to train the people in collecting rent arrears, letting houses and employing staff. In 1988 the group registered as a housing association.

The architects worked alongside tenants to draw up suitable designs, from wallpa-

per to the new pitched roofs. By December 1988 the people had bought their houses from the council and during the summer of 1990 the first two

phases were completed. The remaining 270 homes bought from the council were demolished and there is now a programme to build 124 new

and back gardens. One member said: "This coop is about a lot more than just buildings and concrete. It is about a community that has taken knocks but has fought back to create a place where our children will be happy and

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Centre, St Austell. Cornwall.

Category 3. National Children's Play Award, sponsored by the National Children's Play and Recreation Unit: Chappel Conservation Volunteers, Colchester, Essex.

Commendations: Hackleton, Northamptonshire: Leroy & James Playpark, Huime, Manchester; Reay Primary School Playground Improvement, London SW9.

Category 4. The Times Environ.

Category 4. The Times Environ-ment Award: The London Wildlife Garden Centre, London don to Mariborough Railway Path, Mariborough, Wiltshire, Garnethill Park, Glasgow; Hunshelf Toad Tunnel Project, Sheffield; North Shields Fish Quay Environment Improvement, North Shields, Tyne & Wear; St Thomas's Church Peace Gardens,

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Lydney, Gloucestershire. Edgbaston, Birmingham. ities, London SE18.

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Playtime at Chappel

isles; Pecket Well College Project. Pecket Well, West Yorkshire. Commendation: Fairtide Centre Sculpture & Conservation Garden,

Category 8. Community Enterprise Award for Parmership, spon-sored by Kwik-Fit Holdings: The Cornerstone Garthdee Project. Aberdeen. Commendations: Church Street Refurbishment Project. Shipley. West Yorkshire: St Anne's Church Redevelopment. London WI: Woolwich Common Youth Club & Community Facil-

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Is it fair to blame lawyers for mortgage cheating? Two experts suggest ways of solving this growing problem

er economies may determine

whether they will continue to

instruct small firms of solici-

tors to act for them and their

borrowers, and on what terms,

and generally the scope for

However, as the economic

tide continues to fall, more

frauds will come to light. The

societies were not ready for

them when they began to sur-

face in 1989, but they should

now be better equipped to press their cases against those

professionals and their in-

surers who have done so well

In recent weeks, Abbey Nat-ional and the Halifax, the two

largest building societies, have

issued, or are proposing, re-

vised instructions to solicitors

on their panels, many of them to combat mortgage fraud.

Some of these steps merely stress vigilance but Abbey

National seeks verification of

the identity of the prospective

borrower and guarantors be-

Solicitors are trying to put their own house in order. The

Law Society has issued a

"green paper" to help solicitors

to spot potential fraud. The society's recent consultation

paper, "The Cost of Default", and the question of a possible

limit to the amount of com-

pensation the profession is

prepared to pay to financial

at its conference next month.

There are doubts, however,

whether hitting sole practitio-

ners - held responsible for

much of the fraud - is more

than a distraction. Stronger

standards, particularly among

lawyers and valuers, are need-

ed. If they are to retain

credibility as professionals,

they will have to carry on

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The unanswered question is

vhether insurers will continue

firm, specialises in civil fraud and

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out of them over the years.

fraud should diminish.

Building barriers to fraud

number of mortgage fraudsters have been in recent weeks. There will be more. After the controls on building societies were relaxed by the Building Societies Act 1986, the organisations were able to compete with banks in providing funds for commercial loans. They became prey to frauds, particularly in the leisure and retirement home

Fraud has probably always been associated with domestic and small-scale business secured borrowing - there have been optimistic valuations and inflated figures for incomes and profits. In a stable market most of this goes undetected. In a rising market the lender often unknowingly profits. In a falling market the fraud tends to become exposed. In worse times the receding tide shows up an amazing amount of wreckage. The mortgagees cannot even sell their security.

Societies then wonder how valuers could have placed such values on many of these properties and businesses. Outsiders wonder how societies could have lent with such abandon on the valuations they were given. Enquiries into the conveyancing quality of some solicitors have embarrassed

The more brazen civil and criminal cases are now coming to trial. In the spring, several sets of borrowers, solicitors and valuers were jailed for between 12 and 24 months. In midsummer, more went

In formal terms, the blame is being spread, and the consequences are far-reaching. The sums are staggering. Indemnity premiums are shooting up and so are contributions to professional bodies' compensation funds

Building societies largely withdrew from commercial lending. Having stocked up with extra banking staff, they are now laying them off. The guarantee insurance com-panies, which have suffered badly, have ceased their former cosy relationships with the societies and refused to pay without at least questioning whether a society's procedures have been followed.

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The societies went into commercial lending without propmakers at reputable societies with many years' solid experience in residential lending seem not to have passed on the message that documentation they had been using in that sector would not be suitable for commercial lending.

There is, of course, little point in having a bricks-andmortar charge over a small botel where, to preserve the value, you must be able to deal with the liquor licence, the fixtures, fittings, furniture and equipment and goodwill, in-chiding the right to continue trong the name under which the business has operated, and be able to give receivers suit

able powers.
There are many cases in which standard form residential private borrower security and other documentation has been sent to solicitors for completion by companies and business partnerships, and residential conveyancing solicitors have not noticed or tried to adapt it. Often they have not registered charges at the Com-

panies Registry.
Company and insolvency lawyers have subsequently wept over the task of making sense of documents that did not begin to contemplate the transactions for which they were used.

he societies were not the only ones to blame. There is hardly an established estate agency without experts to give evidence in cases against rivals, and the lawyers instructed by the Solicitors' Indemnity Fund are doing well. The solicitors' compensation fund. facing claims totalling E30 million, has seen nothing yet.

having to tread warily in the minefield of inconsistent rights. Measures of damages are being fought over, and the boundaries of contributory negligence are going to be tested. The theoretical capabilities of "the conveyancing solicitor" are being measured against judge-perceived standards. The conduct of valuers against the guidelines of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, and the control of estate agencies over their own staff is being looked at. Issues

Remedies are now being

examined. Society advisers are

There will be tough arguments with insurers. The Court of Appeal was asked last month to determine the limits of interim payment applica-

of vicarious liability for fraud

tions in tricky fraud cases. With luck, if the societies return to commercial lending.

to help them to do so, and on JEREMY LE M. SCOTT ● The author, a partner in Mackenzie Mills, the London law

The lenders must be on their guard for a time at least there will be much-improved methods of assessment and procedures. MORTGAGE fraud is big business. Esti-Insurance exigencies and oth-

mates of its extent vary but some analysts claim that as many as 10 per cent of mortgage applications are fraudulent and that up to a £1 billion has been lent to fraudsters. These are not just hole-in-the-wall types operating from accommodation addreses but professional people. In a recent case in Liverpool Crown Court, four solicitors were among the 16 jailed for their part in a £1.8 million fraud.

This is all good entertaining stuff because. except for a politician or a royal caught sucking the wrong toes, there is nothing the public likes more than professionals being caught out. If you leave aside the image of smug solicitors being dragged out of what the media always describe as "luxury homes" to go to jail, what does it all mean? Are solicitors involved in the 10 per cent of fraudulent mortgages? Does this mean that 10 per cent of solicitors are fraudulent?

I think not. First, as City bankers have found, there is the question of definition. What is one man's standard business practice is another's fraud. Mortgage "frauds" can be divided into three broad categories, only the first two of which are likely to result in prosecution. There is the out and out fraud where there is no intention to pay any of the money back. The property may not exist and if it does it will be mortgaged many times over and those involved disappear when enquiries are made. Then there is the fraud involving a genuine property but false details of the appli-

cants on the mortgage application form. The purpose is to enable people with bad credit records to buy a property, which is then let. The lender is blissfully unaware that the house has been illegally subdivided into hovelettes, which have been rented out. As long as the mortgage is paid the lender may continue in such blissful ignorance. It is only if the borrower runs short of tenants and defaults on the mortgage that the lender will

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The last and most difficult category is the mortgage application with fraudulent aspects. It is different from the other two categories because the borrower is genuine and intends to buy the house for his own use. There may be reasons why the lender would not lend if the true circumstances were known. The commonest reasons are a bad credit record or insufficient income to meet the criteria. Income may be exagger ated on lies about previous loan defaults.

Another common deceit and one that, unlike the others, does involve the know-

ledge and assistance of a solicitor, is the "repairs allowance". This dubious practice involves the contract for the sale of the house stating that the seller will on completion of the sale refund the buyer part of the purchase price. For example, on a £100,000 sale only £90,000 might change hands, although the transfer deed would show the price as £100,000. If a lender had agreed to lend 95 per cent of the purchase price then the borrower would effectively have a mortgage of more than 100 per cent.

There is nothing dishonest about the arrangement if everybody concerned knows exactly what is happening. However, it is a characteristic of the repairs allowance scheme that the lender is not told what is

In the 1980s heyday of free and easy lending, lenders were desperate to lend in what seemed to be a never-ending housing boom. Often a building soci

ety manager would make it clear that he did not want to know all the details lest he have to refuse to lend. The justification for sloppy lending practices was that house prices were going up all the time and even if a loan went sour, the property could readily be sold at a substantial profit and nobody would suffer.

The days of the 100 per cent mortgage and no references taken up are gone now and caution in the mortgage market. The big insurers in the mortgage indemnity market have tightened their terms and are no longer prepared to underwrite reckless lending. The optimistic

belief is that the worst is over. My own experience is that some of the big lenders are still blind when it comes to dubious practices. This is usually because lending procedures are operated by junior staff who rarely look at the overall picture.

One of my partners was acting for a building society in a possession action when he noticed that the society had lent nearly 10 per cent more than the original value of the property. No mortgage repayments had ever been made. Smelling fraud, he telephoned the society only to be told that the loan was all right because it was less than three times the borrower's stated income.

Mortgage fraud is a large problem.

Tackling it requires a concerted effort. It is no use the lenders expecting everybody else to detect it. They need to train their own staff to be much more alert. In the short term this may increase the cost of borrowing. In the long term it is bound to reduce it. • The author is a practising solicitor in Clwyd.

Lords take a liberal turn

THE NEW more liberal slant of the House of Lords, the highest court in the land, was firmly established last week with the appointment of the Court of Appeal judge, Sir Harry Woolf, aged 59, as a law lord. Lord Justice Woolf. whose report last year after the Strangeways prison riots criticised the prison system, has a keen reformist streak. His move on October 1 into

the vacancy left by Lord Ackner is the fourth appointment to the Lords within 12 months. Last autumo, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson and Sir Gordon Slynn, both also regarded as on the judiciary's liberal wing, were promoted, along with Lord Justice Mustill.



Reform: Lord Justice Woolf

The appointments are certain to mean a shift in the tenor of judgments from the law lords on moral and public law issues, with greater ac-count taken, for instance, of

should be incorporated into domestic UK law. Lord Justice Woolf, whose background is in public law, was Treasury counsel for many years before becoming a High Court judge and has done much to develop the burgeoning area of judicial review, the right of the citizen to challenge overweening decisions by government bodies.

He has also promoted the idea of a director of civil proceedings with power to initiate or sponsor cases when it is in the public interest to have the courts scrutinise official decisions.

One of the most popular

the European Convention on Human Rights, which Sir Harry strongly believes and friendly senior judges, he was tipped to succeed Lord Donaldson as Master of the Rolls, a post that has gone to Lord Justice Bingham, his Court of Appeal colleague. However, Lord Justice Woolf will be well suited to formulating law and, increasingly, social policy, from the House of Lords.

David Pannick, QC, a public law specialist, said: "He and others will bring a more open-minded willingness to decide questions by reference to European law and to the more liberal standards that administrative law has been developing over the last

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Louis's last word JUSTINIAN, the éminence

grise of legal columnists, is being axed. Sir Louis Blom-Cooper says he has written the Financial Times column for more than 30 years and it was felt that was enough. Sir Louis, knighted in the Queen's birthday honours, is not disheartened. He has so much other work that the column was becoming harder to fit in. FT sources say the change is part of the redesign of the Monday paper, but "Louis will still be welcome to ONTRACTO do the occasional piece". Meanwhile. Sir Louis, who

has been sitting as a deputy High Court judge is still chairing the Mental Health Act Commission. However, that is only until the end of 1993. "I am really looking around for gainful employ-

ment." Sir Louis says. One suggestion is that he should become chairman of the Press Complaints Commission at the end of 1993 if Lord McGregor of Durris does not want to continue after his three years.

Stars come out A STAR-STUDDED cast was on show at the Law Society when the centre of advanced litigation (Coal) last week held its first litigation summer school. Among legal celebri-tes lined-up were Rodger

Pannone, the vice-president elect of the Law Society. Mitchell, Judge Michael Cook, Joel Henning the senior vice president of management consultants Hildebrandt, and Professor Richand Susskind, the expert com-

Bringing together more than 30 such high-flyers was a coup for Coal, which is run by the Nottingham Law School For Professor Nigel Savage, it marked the culmination of years of investment to put the law school, part of the old polytechnic, on the

Now that the poly has a university title, the school can soar to new heights, untrammelled by any anxieties about second class status.

Peer judgment EVER since John Taylor, the solicitor and MP, was appointed a minister in the Lord Chancellor's Department, solicitors have been speculating on what he was like as a practising solicitor. Was he a highpowered international tax

specialist with a razor-sharp In the Criminal Law Solicitors' Association newsletter, Derek French, a Birminghain solicitor, reminisces about seeing Taylor as a rather uninspiring criminal advo-

cate at "such major venues" as Solihull magistrates' court. Mr French has been qualified for long enough to be eligible for judicial appoint-ment. I wonder whether the Lord Chancellor's Department will drop any hints as to his suitability for the bench.

No cigar

A LUNCH hosted by Frere Cholmeley as part of last week's UK European Presidency conference in Westminster gave Tristan Garel-Jones, the foreign office minister, a platform from which to berate the Euro-sceptics on both sides of the Commons.

His ability to talk tough while eating fast made a favourable impression on his dining companions, mostly Frere's clients. Should the French say Non to Maastricht, Mr Garel-Jones is clearly preparing to take the



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fight vigorously into the opposing camp.

The invitation from Tim Razzall, Frere's chief executive, to the Tory minister was

generous, given that he is a long-standing stalwart of the Liberal Democrats' national executive. However, Mr Razzall made it clear that Euro-enthusiasm is de rigueur at his law firm. Not quite such a Com-

munitaire spirit was shown by the Prue Leith waiting staff. Service between meals was as slow in coming as an EC directive and the request by Herr Gerhart Baum, a member of the German Bundestag, for a cigar was greeted with a blunt No.

Party time

WITH summer over and everyone back at work London lawyers are free to resume their social life. Last Thursday two choice parties were held in the City. Jarvis & Bannister hosted their "Night in the Glasshouse" in the the Barbican Centre's conservatory while Waltons & Morse launched David Wainman's new book on pensions at Painters' Hall.

But it is predicted that some of the impending big office moves, such as Clifford Chance, are going to be decidedly low-key affairs. When the big City law firms finally decide to put the lid on their entertainments, we shall know that times really are

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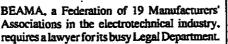
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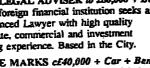
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Excluding confessions from jury

Regina v McKenzie Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice

[Judgment July 24] Cases which depended solely or mainly on confessions had given rise to miscarriages of justice and, therefore, a trial judge in the interests of justice was to take the initiative and withdraw from the jury a case in which the prosecu-tion depended wholly on confessions, the defendant suffered from a significant degree of mental handicap and the confessions were unconvincing to the point where the jury properly directed could not

properly convict on them. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by David Suart McKenzie, aged 38, against conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Richardson and a jury) of manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility on each of two counts charging him with murder.

His appeal against conviction on two counts of arson with intent to endanger life was dismissed. He had pleaded guilty to a separate indictment charging two counts of unlawful sexual intercourse, against which he did not appeal.

The sentence on each of the convictions of manslaughter, arson and unlawful sexual intercourse was detention in Rampton under sections 37 and 41 of the Mental Health Act 1983. Thus it mained in force.

Mr Phillip Waller for the appellant, Mr John Bevan for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. giving the judgment of the court, said that the case, which had an unusual history, raised difficult problems concerning the appel-lant's mental state and his numer-

The Crown's case in respect of murder in 1984 of a woman aged 76 and in 1985 of a woman aged 86 depended wholly on confessions by the appellant. He confessed also to 12 other

killings, none of which the Crown believed he had committed. He was in the borderline subnormal range of intelligence and had been admitted to a hospital as mentally handicapped when he

was 14 years old. He was capable of telling a true story but intended to manipulate tem, was determined to stay in Rampton and might say what would achieve that result.

In 1987 a doctor had considered the appellant untit to plead to the charges of murder, arson and unlawful sexual intercourse because he was incapable of distinguishing between fact and

In 1990 the doctor's view of the appellant changed on the narrow basis that he then knew he had not committed killings even though he still felt he did commit them.

The main ground of appeal was that the jury's verdicts were unsafe and unsatisfactory having regard to the unreliability of his confesledge such as could only have been known by the killer.

dence of guilt His Lordship said that the Putting together doubts about question whether the circumthe confessions, fresh evidence and flawed passages in the summing up, their Lordships had no doubt stances raised doubts as to the reliability of any confession was a question of fact and, normally, that the jury's verdicts on the would be for jury decision. manslaughter counts had to be Nevertheless, applying the guid-ance in R v Galbraith [1981] 1 regarded as unsafe and

WLR 1039), their Lordships considered that where (i) the prosecution case depended wholly There was no reason to conclude that the jury's verdicts on the arson were unsafe or upon confessions, (ii) the defen-dant suffered from a significant In the result the appeals against degree of mental handicap and (iii) conviction for manslaughter were allowed, those in relation to arson the confessions were unconvincing

they lacked the incriminating de-

tails to be expected of a guilty and willing confessor, or because they were inconsistent with other evi-

lence, or because they were other-

wise inherently improbable.

Cases depending solely or mainly on confessions, like cases

depending upon identification evi-

dence, had given rise to mis-carriages of justice.

Their Lordships were, therefore, of the opinion that when the three

oraditions above applied at any stage of the case, the judge should, in the interests of justice, take the initiative and withdraw the case

The principal issue on the appeal had been whether the appellant's confessions to the two killings did reveal special know-

from the jury.

to a point where a jury properly were dismissed and, in those directed could not properly convict upon them, then the judge, assum-ing that he had not excluded the confessions earlier, should withcircumstances, the overall sentence remained the same. Solicitors: Bryan & Armstrong, Mansfield: CPS, Central Courts draw the case from the jury. The confessions might be un-convincing, for example, because

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Secretary of State for Social Security v Scully Section 93(1)(b) of the Social

Security Act 1975, read according to its ordinary and natural meaning, plainly intended to leave it to the Secretary of State for Social Security to make all determinations relevant to the contribution conditions as set out in Part 1 of paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the 1975 Act and so deprived the social security commissioner of urisdiction to decide an issue which related to the claimant's entitlement or otherwise to sickness benefit

The Court of Appeal (Lord

Regina v Ashford and Tenterden Justices, Ex parte

Before Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Poppiewell [Judgment July 23]

A witness's statement could be admitted in evidence in committal proceedings under section 23 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 on the ground that she did not give evidence through fear, even though she had already entered the witness box and had started to

A justice could satisfy herself that a winess was not giving evidence through fear by her own observa-tion of the winess's demeanour.

It was not necessary for the justice to have read the witness's

Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Stocker and Sir Christopher Slade) so held on June 12 in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal by the secretary of state against a decision of Mr Commissioner Goodman on April 25, 1991 that the claimant, Mrs Nora

Scully, was not entitled to sickness benefit. SIR CHRISTOPHER SLADE said that it had been agreed between the parties that the issue of jurisdiction was to be determined upon the appeal before the claimant determined whether or not to appeal against the substantive decision of the commissions which had gone against her.

it should be admitted, it was sufficient for her to be aware of its

The Oucen's Bench Divisional Court so held, dismissing Kevin John Hilden's application for an order of certioruri to quash the decision of an Ashford and Tenterden justice, sitting as an examining magistrate, on July 3, 1992 to commit him for trial on

Mr Louis French for the ap-plicant: Mr Geoffrey Cox for the justice: Mr John Hillen for the

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that at the committal proceed-ings the witness, who was the applicant's guilfriend, had gone into the witness box and taken the oath. In answer to questions she had said that she could not nher what had happened or

that she had no comment The justice had formed the firm ssion that she was affected by fear and that that explained her

refusal to answer questions. The prosecution had made an application under section 23(3)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 for her statement to be admitted on the ground that she was not giving oral evidence through fear. The witness had not herself said that she was in fear.
The justice had decided that in

the interests of justice the statement should be admitted. The justice was not shown the statement during her deliberations.

The applicant submitted that for section 23 to bite, the court had to have before it a witness who did

not utter a single word of evidence. He argued that the section was aimed at those who would not come into court at all. Once a wimess came into court and took the oath, anything that was said

Statement admitted through fear

thereafter amounted to oral The question was whether the witness had given oral evidence. His Lordship could not accept the submission that a witness must literally utter not one word, must

charges of causing grievous bodily harm with intent and false stand there completely mute, in order for section 23 to take effect. In his Lordship's judgment the provision meant that a witness must not have given evidence of significant relevance to the case.

The witness had clearly given no evidence of significant rek the case. In no real sense did the evidence she had put before the court go in any way to deciding the issues in the case.

The applicant further argued that either the witness had to say that she was not giving evidence through fear or there had to be usually a police officer, that he had seen the witness and concluded that she was in fear.

His Lordship could not understand why that would be better evidence than the justice seeing the witness and forming her own view that the witness was in fear.

The applicant further argued that the justice had not had regard to the contents of the statement before making her decision, as was

required by section 26 of the Act.
That argument was only correct if the words "have regard to" meant that the justice had to see Lordship's judgment they did not mean that. They meant that she had to be appraised of the contents of the statement. It was clear that the justice had been told by the prosecution what the contents of the statement were.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that he agreed but that he had reached the same conclusion by a

different route. In his Lordship's judgment, section 23 was capable of two interpretations. The first was the applicant's interpretation that section 23 applied where a witness gave no oral evidence.

His Lordship did not accede to the submission that "oral evi-dence" in section 23(3)(b) meant material oral evidence. It seemed to his Lordship that any oral evidence constituted such "oral evidence".

The second interpretation required the insertion of the word

If a witness started giving some oral evidence without fear but was prevented from giving further evidence through fear that was a person who "does not give oral

evidence through fear.

There being an ambiguity in the section the question then arose as to which interpretation was to be preferred. It seemed to his Lordship that there was no logic in the applicant's contention as it would make total nonsense of a provision aimed at preventing a witness's evidence not getting to court through fear.

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THE knowledge that Sandown's Blue Riband Futurity Stakes, albeit in two other guises, has been won by horses of the calibre of Generous and Reference Point, both Derby winners, in recent years should help to provoke interest in the most valuable race at the Esher track today.

In their attempt to win it again, the Generous team of Paul Cole and Fahd Salman are represented this time by

This big strapping son of Green Dancer caught the eye on his debut at Newbury last month when he finished third in the race won by Eurolink Thunder.

The winner has since gone on to collect again at Wolver-

While conceding that Frescade certainly looks the type who will have improved considerably as a result of his first run, I feel that the more experienced and mature Geisway is the one to be on.

and he is my nap. After Geisway had finished second to White Crown in the

MANDARIN

2.20 Avril Etoile

5.00 Top Table.

2.50 Twitight Secret. 3.25 Aremef.

4.30 GEISWAY (nap).

5.30 FINAL FRONTIER (nap).

(2-Y-0: £2,862: 5f 6yd) (9 runners)

Going: Good (Back Straight Good to Firm) Draw: 5f 6yd, high Numbers Best

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Donnington Castle Stakes at Newbury midway through July, his jockey Pat Eddery advised his trainer Richard Hannon that he would benefit from a rest because he felt that he had outgrown his strength. Geisway had already taken in good races at York, Doncaster. Royal Ascot, Newmarket

and Newbury, all within the

space of nine weeks, and had

acquitted himself well. No wonder a rest was due, What must have encouraged his connections in hindsight is the fact that White Crown, Geisway's conqueror at Newbury, has gone on to win the group three Solario Stakes at Sandown since then It is my contention that Geisway's form has a ring of reliability which none of his

rivals can match. Declassified certainly did not have to be a world-beater to win at Brighton last time

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2.20 Bajka. 2.50 JDAAYEL (nap).

3.25 Almuhtarama.

4.30 Frescade

5.30 Marius.

RICHARD EVANS: 2.50 Agnes Flemming. 5.00 Miss Pin Up.

5.00 Quadrireme.

3.55 Branston Abby.

at Salisbury last time when he finished a remote last of three after winning the Granville Stakes at Ascot first time out.

Even Shebl's good third in the Lanson Champagne Stakes at Goodwood, a repetition of which would certainly put him in with a chance of winning here, was followed by a bad run in the Solario Stakes where he finished last.



Hannon: his Geisway has reliable form

ner, finished six lengths be-

hind Geisway at Newbury. While that race should have brought him on, he still has Bath yesterday. only an additional 2lb allowance with which to narrow the

Aremef, from Julie Cecil's Newmarket stable, is my choice for the Woodchester LMS Handicap.

After finishing a creditable fourth over a mile-and-a-half at Lingfield last time this front-running son of Northern Baby, who was successful over today's trip earlier in the year. should appreciate the return to ten furlongs on a course which has shown over the years that it brings out the best in front-

Finally, Twilight Secret, who saw no daylight at all when finishing relatively close up in eighth place at Kempton ast time out, is taken to win he Westminster-Motor Taxi nsurance Fillies' Handicap. vhile the Wey Stakes can go to final Frontier, who was a good second to Fairy Story at

Cochrane misses out on Selkirk

RAY Cochrane will miss the ride on Selkirk at Ascot on Saturday week after receiving a four-day whip suspension at

lan Balding will have to find a replacement jockey for last season's European champion miler, who will be attempting a second successive victory in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

Cochrane's ban starts on September 23, and he will miss the entire three-day As-cot meeting, which ends with the Festival of British Racing

His penalty for whip mis-use followed the Bathford Nursery where his mount, Finavon, finished a shorthead runner-up to the 2-1 favourite, Eriking. The stewards ruled

Cochrane hit the horse with unreasonable frequency. Lester Piggott finished second on Lech, trained by his wife, Susan, in the Prix du Point du Jour at Evry yesterday. He was beaten a short neck by The Tender Track in

MANDARIN

2.10 Nemir. 2.40 Don't Be Saki.

3.10 King's Signet.

4.40 Roca Murada

4.40 Shining Jewel.

4.10 Awestruck.

French fillies in demand for Longchamp feature

By Dick HINDER

WHILE Dr Devious hardfought defeat of St lovite at Leopardstown was the most thrilling weekend trial for the Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, it was the French fillies who commanded supagain port yesterday for the Longchamp showpiece on Oc-

tober 4. Largely ignoring the outcome of the Irish Champion Stakes, backers focusted on the Prix Vermeille winner, Jolypha, and Magic Night, who captured the Prix Foy.

Ladbrokes were forced to cut Jolypha's odds from 10-1 to 7-1 and shortened Magic Night, second in the big race last year, to 8-1 from 9-1.

St Jovite was eased to 2-1 favourite (from 7-4) and Dr Devious to 4-1 (from 3-1), the same as the St Leger winner. User Friendly. However, Corals reported interest for St Jovite at 11-4, but did not reduce his price.

Dr Devious's trainer, Peter Chapple-Hyam, is delighted that the Derby winner is back to his best.

He said yesterday: "His

Derby win had been written off in some quarters as a substandard performance so the Irish victory gave me particular pleasure. He is back on top "He has come back from the

race with no problems and it is now on to the Arc. I know he had a hard race but none of them has been easy and he seems to thrive on it." Chapple-Hyam was always

confident he would win Leopardstown's group one event, but a week ago he was planning to do it with another horse, Rodrigo De Triano.

But doubts about the ground and the Ir£18,500 supplementary entry fee put connections off.

The Manton trainer reported: "Rodrigo will now go for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot, though I wouldn't advise anyone backing him until they know the ground is good or faster. He will not run if it's soft."

Jim Bolger reported that St Jovite had come out the Leopardstown race unscathed, adding: "My mind is now focussed on the Arc."

A pulled shoulder muscle was blamed for Kooyonga's disappointing showing in the Irish Champion Stakes.

Her trainer, Michael Kauntze, revealed yesterday that the four-year-old filly, who trailed in over 15 lengths fourth, finished the race lame.

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Kooyonga, winner of two group one races including the Eclipse Stakes, also failed to fire in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York. She finished last and was later found to be in season.

"I am fed up with making excuses," Kauntze conceded. "But she took a couple of lame steps up the straight and the racecourse vet said she had pulled a small muscle in her shoulder.'

The injury will not affect Kooyonga's preparation for her final race, the Japan Cup. She will now have a break before she returns for a warmup race, sponsored by her owner, on October 24.

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Meschant at Epson (6), good to soft) 34 4th to Polar Chip of Rentery (5), good to soft) or with PERFECT PASSION (6) 68: "MBSTARGM" (Foreign Renter) and the Polar Chip of Rentery (6), good to soft). Safishery (6), good to soft) and the Polar Chip of Rentery (6), good to soft). Safishery (6), good to soft). Safish

2.50 WESTMINSTER-MOTOR (TAXI) INSURANCE FILLIES HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £3.783: 1m 14yd) (14 runners)

FORM FOCUS

DAAYEL best Rusisias SI in 4-runner Epsom (7).

good to Self) maiden. RDCALITY best RAFAH (same brons) short-head in 5-runner Epsom (7). SECRET (SIb better off) 21 bb., TWILIGHT (SCORET) handlesp with CLARE KERRY LASS (4th better off) 71 Srd. CURGRESS 31 4th of 12 to Bentleo in Doncaster (1m 31 6th)d, good to fern) handlesp on previtimals start. SWALLOWCLIFFE 1141 3rd of 14 to Lap

3.25 WOODCHESTER LMS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,829: 1m 2i 7yd) (14 runners)

Long handison: Snappy's Boy Justi 6-7.

BETTENS: 11-4 Almatisoma, 7-2 Avice Care, 9-2 Allemans, 13-2 Glide Path, 12-1 Shougl, 14-1 Wallmu, Avenet, Thornester, 16-1 offices. 1991: CHATHAM ISLAND 7-5 8 Doyle (8-1) C British B ran

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(3-Y-0: £2,862: 5f 6yd) (8 runners)

3.55 WILLOW CLAIMING STAKES

(2) 1405-00 STOPAN MELODY 15 (0.F) (J Straet: A Scott 8-9... (1) 1-400 BORN TO BE 7 (0.F) (J Redmond) Show 8-9... (8) 381-400 HPTPMCFLES 15 (0.F) (J Redmond) Show 8-9... (6) 150553 LIFETIME FAME: 47 (F) (E Land) J Pere 8-5... (5) 155853 LIFETIME FAME 47 (F) (E LISTO) 4 ress o-c. (3) 0-60 HAZY SHADES 25 (W Wood) J Bridge 8-2. (4) 06-1050 BRANSTON ABBY 6 (D.F) (J David Abil) M Johnston 8-1. 412140 OUR RITA 25 (F,G) (T Brady) P Kalleny 8-0 . BETTING: 5-2 Storm Melony, 3-1 Branston Alby, 9-2 Lifetime June, 6-1 High Principles, 8-1 Dur Ria, 18-1 Born To Be, 16-1 Loose Zena, 50-1 Hazy Shades. 1981: DOUBLOVA 8-6 J Carroll (1-11 ter) J Berry 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

STORM MELODY 9%1 7th of 13 to Western Approach in York (SI, good to fam) bandicap on reappearance, incision 7%1 5th of 8 to Another Episode in Stated rate over the same consex and distance (good) on State stant test year.

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4.30 BLUE RIBAND FUTURITY STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,250: 1m 14yd) (6 runners)

BETTING: 15-8 Frescade, 5-2 Geisway, 11-4 Rapid Success, 7-1 Inebil, 14-1 Declassified, 16-1 Ericolin. 1991; KING'S LDCH 9-4 W Ryan (4-9av) H Cacil 5 can FORM FOCUS

DECLASSIFIED heart Stitchcorobe 1%4 in 10-numer physician (71, good to farm) residen. SESWAY 41 2nd of 6 to White Crown in Restoury (71, good to farm) maiden. SESWAY 42 2nd of 6 to White Crown in Restoury (71, good to farm) maiden. SHESI. 2½1 3nd of 10 to 500° 5341 Str. earlier 3 58t of 12 to Patrollo in group \$1 534 5.00 TAXINEWS HANDICAP

(£3,783: 1m 6f) (15 runners) 801 (12) 0/185/0 CALICON 24 (G.S) (S Berry) i Baiding 6-10-C BETTING: 9-2 Miss Pin Up, 5-1 incian Decision, Greek Chime, 6-1 hadriceme, 7-1 Bold Resolution, 8-1 Mahajan, 16-1 Constructed, 12-1 Top Table.

1991; BALASANI 5-8-9 D Holland (4-1) Ni pe 17 ran

FORM FOCUS ENGA 3:1 3rd of 14 to Star Payer in Kercoton (1m fl. good) handicap on provilenate start last year.

RSI good) handicap on provilenate start last year.

RSI 5TAMP best Indian Jack 39:1 in B-numer thirsk (1m 44, good) for 3:1 model on debut.

CHIME best Sine Samural Ind 12-numer Thirsk (1m 44, good) family claimer. COMSTRUCTIVEST (4m 44, good) for 3:0 best 30 for 16 chapstave (1m 22, soll) handicap. BYSI 5th of 17 to Green Lame in Window (1m 3:1 125yd. good) handicap with MAHRALAN (1% worse of) 11% 17%, previously best MAHRALAN (1% worse of) 11% 17% previousl

5.30 WEY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,670: 1m 1f) (12 runners) Long handicap: Shyroo 7-4, Miss Ribbons 7-0. Aussi, instructure. Propert Fel, 9-2 Alderney Prince, 5-1 Final Frontier, 7-1 World-press, 9-1 Martus, Den't Forget Marte, 12-1 Nu Stant.

1991; SMPLY GEORGE 9-3 Pat Edday (4-1) R Bz: 11 az FORM FOCUS ALDERNEY PRINCE is, 2nd of 16 to terminal have conditions and the condition of the conditio

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SANDOWN PARK: 2.50 Congress, So Smug. 5.0(Top Table. 5.30 Nu Shan. YARMOUTH: 2.40 Blue Trumpet, Legendary lero, Mr Nevermind, Jade Runner. 3.10 Sasparella. 4.40 Magnificent.

RESULTS FROM TEST CHOICES THREE MEETINGS TO THE

4.30 (Im 2f 48)rd) 1, Caspian Tern (A Munro, 12-1); 2, Fleidridge (7-2 fav); 3, Usaciti (10-1) 14 ran, 2½, 1½ H Candy. Tote: £15.70; £3.60, £1.80, £2.70. DF: £21.50. CSF £47.11. Utritle (9-1) was withdrawn, not under orders — Rule 4 applies to all bets, deduct 10p in pound. 5.00 (Im 5)rd) 1, Erilding (M Roberts, 2-1 tay. Mandarin's nap); 2, Finance (7-1); 3. See Exhibition (8-1): 15 ran, Shind, 2, Lord Huntingdon, Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £2.50, £2.30. DF £13.90. CSF: £18.67. Titcast: £88.33. 5.30 (\$1.951yd) 1, Surprise Offer (L. Dettori, 9-15 fav; Private Handicapper's top reting); 2, Sopristicated Air (3-1); 3, Gentla Moment (10-1); 10 ran, 8, fix (R Hannon, Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.10, £2.10, DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.64. Bath Golog: good
2.00 (1m 5yd) 1. Seaside Ministrel (W
Carson, 100-30 tav), 2. Bel Bursla (B-1); 3.
Time Lacro (10-1); 4. Chioes Demond (101); 18 ran Hd. 11 C Hul at Burnstaph; 105:
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113.40 CSF 1258 02 No bid.
2.30 cs 1.61 yd) 1. Pluck (Pat Eddery, 2-5)
lav), 2. Landrol (11-2); 3. Legol Risk (20-1),
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lav), 9. Lagol Risk (20-1), Leicester

3.10 (5f 2f Byd) 1, Yours Or Mine (5 Wood, 7-2 lay); 2, Nuclear Express (14-1); 3, My Ruby Fing (12-1); 4, Bernstein Bettle (9-2); 20 ran, NF; Line Bid, Black Boy, Nk, rd, rd, D. Chapmen. Tota: \$5,00; 21,90; 24,90; £1,90; 22,80. DF; £88,00. CSF; £54 19. Tricast £527,59.
3.40 (1m Byd) 1, Waterfowl Creek (M Hills, 11-4); 2, Flarming Arrow (13-8), 3, Key Suspect (11-8 lay), 5 ran, 134, 121, G Wragg, Tota: £4,60; £2,00, £1,10. DF; £3,00. CSF; £7,43.
4.10 (1m Sf 183yd) 1, Blg Pat (R Price, 8-1); 2, Keskol (6-1); 3, Salu (9-2), Siver Samusi 13-6 lay 12 ran, NR; han The Temble, 2, 394, J Paerce, Tota £3,70; £1,90, £2,10. £1,60. DF; £49,20. CSF; £56,30.
4,40 (51 2f Byd) 1, Shiro (S Cauthen, 13-8 E1.00. DF: 148-20. CSF: E5620. 4.40 (S 128-yd) 1, Shiro (S Cauthen, 13-6 18-4; 2, Shirthwood Sun (9-2); 3, No Edozs (8-1), 14 nan. NF: My Bonus, 21, %1, F Williams, Totas: E2.70; E1.80, E2.60, E2.50 DF: E15.50 CSF: E11.02 Tricast: E49.26. Leicestel
2.10 (7 9yd) 1, True Hero (5 Cauthen, 2-5 tax); 2, Roger The Buther (10-1); 3, Churnny's Pel (10-1), 16 ran, Nr. 19tl J Gosten Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £2.40, £2.80.
DF: £4.50. CSF: £7.58.
2.40 (tim 11 £18yd) 1, Telephus (E. Johnson, 9-2); 2, Aegaan Lady (20-1); 3, Laughton Lady (20-1), Desired Guest 4 tax, 19 ran 2, 119t B McMath, Tote: £5.60; £2.40, £9.80, £5.80, DF: £39.90. CSF: £33.35. Bought in 6.500gns. Plecepot: 988.50. Going; good to firm Going: good to limit 2.20 (2m if hdle), 1, Towny Boy (M Rich-ards, 7-2 fey): 2, Straw Black (4-1); 3, Manhattan Boy (4-1); 13 ran Hd. 41, Mis L Clay Tors: £4.40; 24.0, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £17.60 CSF: £18 72, Tricast: £56 57.

Maguire, 4-5 lavi2, Globe Prince (9-2): 3, Soybean (14-1). I ran. 191, 12. J White. Totar C1 20: 22 IDF. E1 80. Pigeon Island (5-2) retused to raz and was deemed not to have taken par Rule 4 applies to all basic deduct 25p in pond.
3.20 (2m 11 hoft. 1, Natral Evohange (J. Osborne, 11-2): 2. Afore Jane (4-1); 3, Texas Scramble (3-1). Copy Lane 13-8 fav. 13 ran. 8, nk. J-8is. Tote. 55.10: 52-20.
3.50 (2m 41 hde), Tel E Thon (D Leally, 9-2), 2; Forest Pare (9-2); 3, Pactiond (10-2), Paces King3-4 fav. 6 ran. 4, %i. P. Jones. Toter. 600; £1-90. £1-90. DF-215-30. CSF: £2-26.
4.20 (2m 51 ch) 1 Fighting Days (G Moore, 4-1); 2, Kiss Kell H fay); 3, Celab Chimes (7-2), 6 ran. 15, 9.4. Moore, Tote. £5-20; £1-30. C1-30 DFES-30. CSF: £1-288.
4.50 (2m 41 hde); 1, Chep Metal (A Meguir, 11-4) [-1-av]; 1, Lavy Burning (11-2); 3, Across The Card7-1). Fee Cassies 11-4 jt-15-10. C1-30. DF-21-370. CSF: £18.16. Piacepot: £58.8 Placepot: 988.9 ☐ The first illy, a daughter of

(£1,865: 3m 3f 110yd) (6)

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THUNDERER 2.10 Rosina Mae. 2.40 Legendary Hero. 3.10 First Gold. 3.40 Splash Of Salt. 4.10 Satin Dancer. 3.40 Racing Telegraph. 4,40 Roca Murada. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.10 Namir 4.10 AWESTRUCK (nap). Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 RACING TELEGRAPH.

DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST Going: Good 2.10 REGENT MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,385: 1m 6f 17yd) (11 runners)

BETTING: 11-4 Rosina Mae, 3-1 Highland Funtasy, 4-1 Flamingo Rose, 6-1 Shesaducionit, 8-1 Mamir, 12-1 Free Fransier, 16-1 others. 1991: MOUNTAIN ELLOOM B-9 L Destor (7-4 lav) L Curreni 6 ran

2.40 BROOKE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0; £2,973; 6f 3yd) (20 runners)

BETTBIG: 9-2 Downtyna, 5-1 Don't Be Sale, 6-1 Be Polite, 7-1 Rad Ballet, 6-7 Sea Strand, 10-1 Good Image. Lagendary Hero, 12-1 The Institute Boy, 14-1 Date Of Budwarth, 16-1 others. 1991; PMICK BLACK 8-4 J Wasser (10-1) G Blum 18 ran 3.10 BRIAN TAYLOR MEMORIAL HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £4,971: 6f 3yd) (12 runners) BETTINE: 7-2 King's Signet, 9-2 Tale Dancer, 5-1 Truthbul Image, 6-1 Magicte, 7-1 First Gold, 8-1 Last Ent. 10-1 Ht Tech Handa, Sasparolia, 12-1 Waddes Distarn, 14-1 Forest Fairy, 16-1 Others.

1991: ABLE JET 8-2 Dean McKenner (14-1) Mrs N Macaulty 9 ran

Racetard number Draw in brackets. Stilligene form (F — felt, P — pulled up U — unceated notes. B — brought down. S — stopped up R — network D — disappolitied). Horse's name Duyc since fixed authory: J H jumps, F it litat. B — briefless. V — victor H — hood. E — Eyestweld. C — stower witner D — distance wonter. CD course and distance werner 8f — bestern byowing in idlest race). Going on which home has Divident in latest storing our winter not or no won (F — linn, good to farm, hard G — good S — stift, good to stift, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and weight. Rider phis any allumance. The Times Pricate Handicapper's rating 3.40 tattersalls maiden auction series stakes (Qualifier: 2-Y-O: £3,106: 6f 3yd) (16 nunners) 1 (12) 5 BOB'S RETURN 103 (Mrs G Smith) M Tomplains B-11 P Robleton - 2 (7) 0 DESTANT SPRING 55 (Mrs G Coslent); G Princhard-Cordon 8 B ... J Fameling - 3 (10) 620 GANGE SPRING 55 (Mrs G Coslent); G Princhard-Cordon 8 B ... J Fameling - 6 (20) GANGE SPRING SPRI 5 ROB'S RETURN 103 DATS G Smith) M Tompiding 8-11 . 4.10 JACK LEADER MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY

(Nursery handicap: 2-Y-O: £6;160: 7f 3yd) (9 runners)

BETTIMG: 3-1 Satin Danes, 9-2 Avestruck, 5-1 Wishing Cap, 7-1 Stent Expression, 8-1 Soldiers Bay, 10-1 Formarston, 12-1 Trevorsnirepoints, 14-1 Satio-A-Posa, 16-1 Truedley Wood. 1991: MINSTREL'S AGE 8-9 M Roberts (14-1) C Britain B ran

4.40 YARMOUTH ROADS HANDICAP (£3,470: 1m 3yd) (17 Tunners)

4+4U YARMOUTH ROADS HANDICAP (£3,470: 1m 3yd) (17 runners)

1 (11) 104314 SHARRG LEWEL 21 (£0.F.5) (0 Role) Ms 1. Propot 5-10-0. ... L. Propott 9-4

2 (15) 1-11000 MAGMPICENT 18 (8,D.F.5) (Ms P Yong) M Javes 3-9-8. ... K Ruser (5) 93

3 (9) 101413 CORAL PLUTTER 25 (C.F.) (Als J Psyns) J Payre 5-9-5. ... B Lane (7) 94

4 (3) 623149 EDGEAWAY 15 (M.F.F.) (The Taxosaphthod Exchange) J Hills 3-9-1. ... R Hills 94

5 (6) 312315 ROCA MIRRADA TI (E.F.F.6) (T Chorty) M Ryan 3-9-12. ... D Biggs 96

6 (4) 155510 NISHT TRANSACTION 18 (D.F.E) (A Hide) A Hide 5-8-12. ... N Variety (7) 96

7 (17) 64408 BLUE DRIFTER 28 (D Comung) J Satcilite 3-8-3. ... B Rasses 90

8 (8) 50-0300 DON'T DRIOP BOMES 22 (Nas S York) A Scoti 3-8-2. ... J Foreign 98

11 (14) 000-003 STATE DF AFFARTS 17 (D.F.) (D.F. S Sammer) C Horgan 5-8-1. ... Dels Gibson 94

11 (16) 4000-003 STATE DF AFFARTS 17 (D.F.) (D.F. S Sammer) C Horgan 5-8-1. ... Dels Gibson 94

11 (16) 4000-003 STATE DF AFFARTS 17 (D.F.) (D.F. S Senser) C Wilsons 5-7-1. ... J Curant 90

13 (12) 830400 HEMRY WILL 15 (B.C.F.G.S) (6 Leggoth 1 Familiast 6-7-9 ... J Familing 91

14 (10) DSS240 DEEVEE 18 (0 Turner) C Berslead 3-7-9 ... D Non-Frincen (3) 97

15 (1) 500000 COASCOURNE 1944 (Ostbourne Lot) T Thorston Jones 4-7-9 ... J Charle 90

15 (1) 500000 COASCOURNE 1944 (Ostbourne Lot) T Thorston Jones 4-7-9 ... J Oluten 90

17 (5) 6-05600 CHAFF 41 (Mrs M Lesh D Monts 5-7-7 C Hawksky (7) 85

Long handlesp: Sociem 7-3, Ctaf 6-12. Long handicap: Sociem 7-3, Chaff 6-12. SETTING: 9-2 Roca Murada, 6-1 State Di Afairs, 7-1 Cosal Flutter, 8-1 Shining Jewel, Case For The Grown, 9-1 Magnikord, 10-1 Night Tomsaction, 12-1 Edgeway, 14-1 Don't Drop Bombs, 16-1 others.

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TRAINERS; W A Stephenson, 58 ethners from 265 runners, 21.9%; Mrs V Aconley, 8 from 38, 21.1%; G Moore, 22 from 120, 18.3%; G Richerds, B from 47, 17.0%; M w Easterby, 11 from 67, 16.4%; W Berdey, 4 from 31, 12.9%. JOCKEYS: C Grant, 42 winners from from 182 rotes, 23.1%; M Dwys, 28 from 122, 23.0%; P Nivan, 43 from 190, 22.6%; D Byrne, 12 from 54, 22.2%; N Doughly, 6 from 27, 22.2%; R Hodge, 8 from 38, 21.1%. ☐ Big Hand, a winner of two valuable sprint handicaps for trainer Bill Watts, dropped dead Wheeler has £350 fine

THE Lambourn trainer Eric Wheeler and jockey Michael Wigham were each fined £350 yesterday for a breach of the rule pertaining to non-triers. They were penalised for the running and riding of Pha-raoh's Dancer in the Blandford Handicap at Salisbury 11 days ago. Pharaoh's Dancer, a winner three times in the spring, was

sent off a 7-1 chance, but finished only eighth. The Jockey Club security staff were yesterday considering a report from the Betting Office Licensees' Association into last Tuesday's victory by

Jo N Jack. Bookmakers are withholding all bets on the 33-1 winner of a Lingfield seller while BOLA investigate "unusual betting patterns" which preceded a considerable offcourse gamble.



Gooch takes the hate mail in his stride



Gooch: long innings

raham Gooch may have brought stability, discipline and an inspiring form of leadership to the England team but, today, he will end his twentieth season in cricket well aware that fickle public opinion now considers him a killjoy and an ogre.

He sat on the balcony of the new Bristol pavilion yester-day with a bulging bag of letters. Some were person abusive, some alleged spite and jealousy. Each one at-tacked him for the decision, inextricably linked with his powerful role as captain, to eave David Gower out of the

might have been bridling self-righteously. He knows better now but, the subject being Gower and the pair's relationship being long and varied, he is not without feelings. "On a

personal level," he said carefully, "I do feel genuinely sorry for David because he has done nothing wrong and he must be struggling to come to terms with it. "He took it badly when I

phoned him with the news and I don't blame him for that It was a very marginal decision and, David being David, this sort of reaction was inevitable. He has a vast public following because of the way he plays and the dignified way he conducts himself. I understand that and I am not at all surprised to have received so many umpléasant letters:

me how, though. I didn't stant out against David. These was no question of me saving I did not want him on the four. The decision was a hard one and it was always going to be an unpopular one get more tired and the field-

The England captain gives Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, his reaction to the uproar

caused by the decision to drop David Gower

but, in time, it will be forgot-ten. If we win the Test series Graeme Hick scores three hundreds, everyone will say we are wonderful again." Gooch refutes the conception that Gower was considcred too old, as well he might. The captain himself is 39, going on 40, and increasingly a revelation in his own mind. "I surprise myself that I am still playing as well as I am," he said, utterly without vani-When you get to be this old, you feel you ought to be thinking of packing up but, somehow. I am not. 'In most ways, I feel no

different to five years ago. I

ing is harder each season but, when I am batting, it is just the same as ever. In the second half of this season, I feel I have played really well. Keep getting runs and you can cope with anything."

atigue, and the fear of a debilitating injury, is Gooch's greatest enemy now. He may have only 12 months more of Test cricket but he does not discount playing another five seasons for his beloved Essex. though not in his accustomed No I position. "I have dropped down the order for the past couple of games and I had thought of batting at six

open for another year if I a different player and a

want to keep playing for England," he explained.
His ostensibly free time, up to Christmas, is already well booked, beginning with two public speeches on Thursday and some pit-stop hospital surgery on Friday, when the troublesome ganglion on his right hand will be cut out. A holiday in Portugal will be combined with some coaching and he will be running and riding his bike to stay in trim, not only for the India tour but for his first attempt at the London Marathon next

But nothing about the re-markable Gooch is more sur-prising than the fact that he is returning to India, 11 years after the tour which so dispirited him that he signed up for South Africa. "I never

next year. I now feel I should back," he admitted. "But I am different character now. It is up to me to make sure that younger players do not get into the same frame of mind that I did."

Gooch, you sense, is quietly confident of adding to his considerable achievements on this tour before tackling his one abiding ambition against Australia next summer. In his mind, painful memories of the wretched England performances in Australia three winters ago drive him on. "I don't like to be rolled over and lose badly." he said. "I can take losing so long as we compete. In the past, there were too many people in our cricket who did mselves no justice, who did not even seem motivated. If one thing has improved in my time in charge, I hope it is

PARALYMPICS

Brunt is proof of solid stature

BY ALIX RAMSAY

STEPHEN Brunt and Mark Farnell won Britain's last two gold medals at the ninth Paralympic Games late on Sunday night. It took the team's tally to 40 golds from their 128 medals won.

Both were running in the partially sighted categories of the marathon, the B2 and B3 classes. For Brunt, in defending his paralympic title, he showed he has recovered from an accident that could have ended his career.

On a training run last year, Brunt was in collision with a car, breaking a leg and pelvis. As soon as he had recovered. he was clocking 100 miles a week and has again proved to be the best B2 marathon runner in the world.

In Scoul, Britain finished third in the medals table. While the team has kept that position in Barcelona, for Tony Sainsbury, the team manager, it is not enough.
"I'm delighted with the performance of the team," he said.

"But we haven't moved on have and they are now pushing the Americans. You only have to look at the spread of our medals to see that, if we have problems with the swimming, we are going to drop down the table.

While the German Federation has pooled its resources from each sport, Sainsbury feels it has yet to happen in Britain and that it is the British Paralympic Association (BPA) who should take

"We don't want the BPA to be irrorived at the grass roots level, that's not their job." he said. "But they've got to be a catalyst. There has to be integration between the different sports and disability groups if we are to make

progress."

Disabled athletes will take part in the 1994 Commonwealth Games, the organisers announced yesterday. Mary Appleton, executive director of the Commonwealth Games Association of Canada, said disabled men and women swimming and bowls. (AFP)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Leigh coach hands in

DENNIS Ramsdale, the former Wigan wing, is to take temporary charge of Leigh, the first division club. The move follows the resignation, after three months, of the coach, Jim Crellin, who

The board meets tonight todiscuss the crisis, which fol-lows the dismissals of Kevin Ashcroft and Alex Murphy in the past 12 months. Crellin and his assistant, Ray Clark, walked out after the team's first win of the season, against

on Sunday.
John Stringer, the Leigh chief executive, said the de-mands made of Crellin by the directors had been reasonable.

TON V Wigan.

JOHN SMITH'S YORKSHIRE CUP: Querter-finals: Bractional Northern V Shedfald.

Eagles, Featherstone Rovers V Hudders-field: Hull V Leeds; Wakefield Trintly V

BASKETBALL

Kings await

GUILDFORD Kings open the defence of their Carlsberg League title on Saturday yet. two days before they face a match that could prove as vital as any they will encounter this season (Russell Kempson

On Thursday, Guildford play Kalev Tallinn in the return leg of their European

Sussex regain control after spin bowling resumes

Salisbury has unsettling effect as Yorkshire slip

By JOHN WOODCOCK

HOVE (third day of four): Yorkshire, with six secondinnings wickets in hand, are 56 runs behind Sussex

IAN Salisbury came to the fore at Hove again yesterday, just when Yorkshire looked to be digging themselves out of trouble. He so unsettled them that by close of play they had slipped from 76 for no wicket in their second innings, the score at which Salisbury came

innings deficit of 201 already round their necks, a Yorkshire defeat seems almost

Yorkshire had had their spirits kept up for the first half of the day by Peter Hartley, whose 8-111 in 37.2 overs on a pitch which has been the despair of the other faster bowlers, was a wonderfully wholehearted effort. In 27 overs Jarvis, one of Yorkshire's two surprise choices for this winter's tour of India, was nothing like as threatening.

went in again an hour before

For the first 25 minutes of the morning Hartley did everything but ge. a wicket. But he is made of good, sturdy stuff, and his luck duly changed. The last bowler to take eight wickets in an in-nings for Yorkshire, Stuart Fletcher, is now on the Lanca-shire staff. Similar in shape and style to Hartley, Fletcher had 8-58 against Essex at Sheffield in 1988.

batsmen. Before this 432 against Yorkshire they scored 563 against Lancashire at Old Trafford. What is more, the first six in their order were all born or educated, or both, within the county. They have always been good at bringing on their own, if not quite in the class, in that respect, of their present opponents. When Alan Wells, Green-

field and Speight were all out in the first hour yesterday Sussex were in danger of squandering the advantage they had when play started. But Colin Wells, Moores and Stephenson got the innings going again, and Salisbury. 25 at the end, should have put him in the mood to get at the Yorkshire batsmen again. But modern cricketing theory being what it is, it was two hours and 36 overs before Salisbury was asked to bowl. If Sussex had opened with him it

would have made more sense than that. Yorkshire would lose their composure against wrist spin. They were known for it. And now as soon as Salisbury came on. Sussex resumed control. In his third over he bowled Kellett. In the over after that Giddins bowled Motson off his pads and produced, from somewhere, a lifter for White. Three overs later Salisbury bowled Metcalfe, after which Yorkshire spent the rest of the



Matter of timing: Seight, of Sussex, clips Hartley to the boundary at Hove yesterday

Umples: J C Balderstone and M J Kitchen

LECESTER (third day of four): Leicester-shire, with seven second-limitings wickels in hand, are 172 runs wheed of Northempton-shire LEICESTERSHINGE: First Innings 352 (8 F Smith 88, T J Boon 81, W K M Benjamin 71)

Second Inning
Second Inning
T J Boon not out
"N E Briess c Loye b Curren
J J Whiteigr Ibw b Capel
J D R Benson b Capel
L Poter not out

Extras (01, 107, w1, nb1).

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-71, 3-92.

MORTHAMPTONSHIPE: First innings

Total (3 wids) _

Extras (b 2 lb 2 nb 3)

Total (3 wkts)

Kent poised to finish second

By Geoffrey Wheeler

KENT have all day at down after Twose and Moles Edgbaston to complete a mophad out on 82 for the first ping-up operation against Warwickshire to secure second wicket in the second innings and Warwickshire, with five place in the Britannic Assurwickets in hand, still need 194 ance championship and with to make Kent bat again. it the prize money of £23,000. Essex produce unlikely vic-

recovered some of their poise be no real surprise if the champions escape from in the first innings through a fine effort from Andy Lloyd, another tight corner against Gloucestershire at Bristol. captaining them for the last With Stephenson making a time, and stalwart resistance by Tim Munton, the nightwatchman, they followed Lloyd hit a six and 12 fours

dedicated 93, they cleared the first innings arrears of 198 for the loss of two wickets. But three wickets fell at 227 to the spin of Ball and Davies. including Prichard, who has been voted Britannic Assurance cricketer of the season. They caused another break-

resume today with only 67 runs in the bank. Thirteen centuries have so far been scored in this closing round of matches, three by Somerset, whose 616 for seven against Nottinghamshire, by an innings, was their highest total on the county ground at Taunton. Rob

Turner, the former Cam-

bridge University captain, scored his maiden hundred before the declaration. Although Ramprakash ioined Roseberry and Carr as Middlesex century-makers at the Oval, the team total was no more than 441, to which Surrey have replied with 141

day hanging to the ropes.

ones GLAMORGAN: First Innings

BOWLING: Mortereen 18-4-58-1; Werner 19-1-52-1; Richardson 13-2-38-2; Griffin 11-0-43-1; Sladdin 22-1-102-4; Barnett 1.1-0-7-1.

tweets. Bonus points: Giarnorgan 4, Derbyshire 4, Umpires: J H Harris and 6 J Mayer.

GATESHEAD FELL (third day of four): Durham, with all second-innings wicksis in hand, are 197 runs behind Lanceshire DURHANC: First Innings 312 (J D Glandener 75, P W G Parker 70, W Landens 63; M Waterson 5 for 63) and innings

Total (no wid)

Total Score efter 100 overs: 353-8. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-71, 2-108, 3-113, 4-175, 6-188, 6-220, 7-463, 8-483, 8-546. BOWLING: Brown 25-4-137-1; Hughes 36-25-136-1; Beinbridge 27.1-4-100-5; Briers 12-2-37-0; Smith 35-7-65-3; Graveney 20-3-62-0.

BRISTOL (third day of four): Essex, with five accord findings wickels in hand, are 67 runs sheed of Gloucestershire BSSED: First Innings 126 (C A Walsh 7 Ior

CALCUCESTERSHIPME: Firsthmings 826 (M W Alleyne 93, M G N Windles 71; S J W Andrew 4 for 58) Bonus points: Gloucestership 7, Essex 2. Umpires: R Jussen and G I Supess. Warwicks v lent EDGBASTON (third day of sur): Wanwick-shire, with five accord-irraits wickets in hand, need 194 runs to and an inninge defeat by Kent KENT: First Innings 603 (T Pland 163, MR Benson 122 C L Hooper 10 G R Condrey 68, N R Taylor 78; N Ki K Sah 4 for 160)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-113, 2-18, 3-227, 4-227, 5-227.

Total (5 wkts)

GLOUCESTERSHIPE: FI

A J Moles tow b Igglesden

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D A Reere b Igglesden

T A Murton b Devis

N M K Smith c Devis b Per

T A Lloyd b Davis

A A Donatd b Davis

KK J Piper c Devis b Hoopr Dens (0 5, lb 8, w 1, nb 6 Edms (b 5, lb 8, w 1, nb 8 22
Total (b 4,2 evens) 289

Extres (b 1, b 1). Total (5 wids) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-822-96, 3-96, 4-96, 5-102 Bonus points: Wanwickstle f, Kent 6. Umpires: K E Paines and P Shepherd.

Sarrey v Midlesex THE CVAL (third day of lur): Surray, with seven first-minings wicks in hand, need 150 runs to avoid the blow-on against Middlesex MEDDLESED: Fit Irnings

M A Rosebeny c I Ward Belling
J D Carr e Brown b Bolling
M R Rempraleach low b lyson
K R Grown c Kendrick tooling
M W Gesting c Lynch b Licher
Afteb Habib e Stewart b year
R L Johnson c Kendrick
J E Emburgy b Bryson
A R C Frasar b Bryson
P C R Turnel not out Extras (fb 8, nb 15) Total FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2012-278: 3-283, 4-226, 5-368, 6-426, 7-427, 4-22, 9-433. BOWLING: Byson 45-4-117-5: Butcher 34-7-65-1; I Ward 8-0-35: Boiling 59-15-125-4; Kandrick 18-3-60;

MONTHAMPT CONSTRUCT First
A Foothern c Benjam's b Milms
M B Loye b Milms
M B Loye b Milms
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"A J Lamb c Brises b Milms
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D J Capel c Benson b Benjamin
A L Penberthy c Smith b Poter
L'O Figliey b Poter
Extras (b 6, b 9, w 3, nb 1) BOWLING: Milins 21-2-80-3; Mullethy 24-5-75-0; Benjamin 8-4-19-1; Parsons 21-10-54-1; Potest 22-5-50-2. Bonus points: Leicastastine 6, Nort amplonshire 7. Umpires: D G Osieer and B Leadbeater. Hants y Worcs

SOUTHAMPTON (third day of tour): Harneline, with eight second-annings wick-ets in hand, are 115 nms shead of Worcestesshire HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 231 (R A Smith

T C Middleton c and b Tolley . R S M Morris not out S D Udal Ibw b Tolley R A Smith not out Extracs (b 4, ab 1, nb 5) Total (2 wide) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108, 2-110. WORCESTERSHARE: And Imings T S Curils or Middleton b Udel

W P C Weston c Aymes b Marshall

36
R K Ringworth b Marshall

37
B D Otherin b Turner

43
IS J Rhodes c Smith b Turner

45
R Lampit b Udel

22
P J Newport b Turner

5
M J Weston not cut

8

Total (8 wikts dec. 98 overs) .

R N Gaywood b Hackett
R I Deveon c Deen b Nowman
N A Folland b Newman
N A Folland b Newman
S M Wills b Worthington
G W White tow b Myles
O Le Fleming o Worthington b Myles
M C Woodman tow b Newman
C S Peterbaren not out C S Priicherd not out C Donohue absent hurt dras (fb 8, w 6, nb 5) ... Total (42.2 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-6, 3-48, 4-48, 5-68, 8-91, 7-106, 8-113, 9-122, BOWLING: Newman 8.2-1-12-3; Hackert 8-3-20-1; Worthington 8-2-23-2; Spiere 7-2-17-1; Myles 6-0-20-2; Duston 7-0-22-0.

Atherton: 199 for Lancs ing, Kings cannot afford m C M Tolley and N V Radford did not but.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-91, 3-95, 4-96, 5-183, 6-196, 7-206, 8-228.

BOMLING: Corner 17-2-46-0; Ayling 12-0-34-0; Udal 40-13-76-2; James 1-1-0-0; Turner 18-1-23-3; Marshell 16-3-33-8.

Bonus points: Hempahire 5, Wordestershire

Umpires: B Dudieston and R C Tolchard.

Devon v Staffs

STAFFORDSHIRE

SWorthington and NP Hackett old not bet.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-74, 3-91, 4-97, 5-97, 6-178, 7-200, 8-201.

BOMLING: Danahus 10.1-2-47-1; Wood-man 10.5-1-43-1; Le Flerning 8-0-22-0; Alin 11-4-15-3; White 4-0-16-1; Dawson 11-2-47-1,

S J Dean c Donohus b Alin ...
D Cartledga c Folsand b White D A Banks c Donohus b Alin ...
S D Myles but b Dewson ...
A J Dutton c Pricingt b Alin ...
N J Archer c White b Woodman P G Newman b Donohus ...
R A Spiers run out

Extres (#b 11, w 3, mb 1) ..

Total (8 wids; 55 overs) .

Championship play-off

Minor Counties

resignation By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

blamed boardroom interference.

Chorley in the Lancashire Cup

directors had been reasonable.
Scott Mahon, the Australian centre, makes his debut
for Leigh at home to
Castleford on Sunday.
GREENAL'S LANCASHINE CUP: Cupterfinal draw. Leigh v Oldham, St Helens v
Widnes, Salford v Workington Youn; Swinton v Wigan.

crucial tie

writes).

Cup first-round ne. Kings trail 80-75 from the game in Estonia and must overturn the deficit to take on Limoges, of France — the last hurdle before the incretive eightteam, 14-match final pool. 💥 With a television deal of up to £250,000 per club beckon-

Atherton thrives in Lancashire spree By PETER BALL

GATESHEAD FELL (third day of four: Durham, all second-innings wickets in hand, are 197 runs behind

on 314 behind.

in his 76, while Munton made

47 before the Kent spinners,

Davis and Hooper, wrapped

NOW we know what was wrong with Lancashire: they were saving the best until last. They are ending their trou-bled season with a flourish. savaging the weak Durham attack for 562, their highest score of the year, as Martin scored a maiden century and Atherton a career-best 199.

Figures alone reveal the monumental quality of Atherton's innings. For eight hours and 20 minutes of sheer remorseless efficiency Atherton's effort was

He gave only one half

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chance, on seven on Sunday afternoon. Yesterday he gave hardly a glimmer of hope to the bowlers, as he steered his side from a potentially significant deficit when play began into a position of strength. For much of the day Martin

kept him company and was not overshadowed. Martin pulled and hooked severely, and stood up to his full 6ft 4ins to hit the seam bowlers with a

Brown was despatched for 17 in one over as Martin reached his 100 off 147 balls, with one six, one five, and 14 fours. With 80 against Not-tinghamshire and a matchsaving 50 against Sussex, the nightwarchman may soon ave to be regarded as another in Lancashire's clutch of all-

rounders. Sadly though, cricketers have no sense of history and after a stay of 223 minutes Martin got himself out, mistiming a pull, which skied to extra cover when the partner-ship was worth 243, two short of the Lancashire seventh wicket record set by A H

Homby and J Sharp against Leicestershire in 1912. Atherton, too, suggested he was careless of records by getting out one short of a double century, edging to Fothergill after hitting 25

fours. Durham's trials were not over. For weary bowlers the sight of Austin coming in in such a situation is dispiriting, and one of the most destructive hitters in the game lost no time in making his presence

Graveney was despatched for successive sixes as Lancashire reached their highest score since the 863 at the Oval two years ago. One record was set. It was the highest score registered against Durham in any form of cricket.

Britannic Assurance county championship

Sussex v Yorks HOVE (that day of lour): Yorkshine, with six excond-innings wickets in hend, are 55 runs behind Susser YORKSHIRE: First Innings 232 (C White 71 not out. S A Kelled 53; I D K Sallebury 7 for 54)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-86, 2-90, 3-90, 4-106.

SUSSEX: First Irrange
J W Hall b Haritay
N J Larhern c Bislary b Batty
K Greenfield c Metratife b Haritay
'A P Watte t Kellett b Haritay
M P Special hit wicket b Haritay
C N Watte c Bayes to Haritay
P Moores b Carrick
F D Stephensoon have b Haritay
I D K Salabody c and b Haritay
I D K Salabody c and b Haritay
E & II Carlothers not out SUSSEC: First Irrange

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-224, 2-245, 3-287, 4-297, 5-318, 6-338, 7-389, 8-395, 9-401. BOWLING: Jarvis 27-6-79-0; Hartisy 37-2-7-111-8: Carnol: 52-21-93-1; Robinson 18-2-72-0; Betty 17-2-64-1. Bonus points: Sussex 7, Yorkshire 2. Umpless: N T Pleas and G A Stickley.

Somerset y Notts

TAUNTON (third day of four): Notingham-shee, with seven second-intengs wickers in hand, need 251 runs to avoid an innings detect by Somerset NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Irrings 26 (G F Archer 83 not out, R T Robinson 74) alby not out . T Robinson b Rose

Total S widen FALL OF WICKETS: 1-76, 2-76, 3-96. SOMERSET: First trivings A N Hayhurst & Lewis b Evans M Leitwell & Branted b Evans R J Harden & Pollard b Evans C J Tavere & Alford b Lewis *C.J Tavine c Austra a Limbo

R.J Turner not out

IN D Burne c Brennhall b Evens

GD Rose c Afford b Crawley:

R P Snell c Robinson b Lawis

N A Malender not out

Extras (04,104,n02).

Total (7 wide dec) Score after 100 overs: 342-3, A R Caddick and H R J Trump old not bet. FALL OF WICKETS; 1-29, 2-44, 3-309, 4-411, 5-454, 8-530, 7-558. BOWLING: Pick 21-2-89-0; Lewis 41-8-103-2; Events 30-8-86-4; Afford 39-8-151-0; Pennett 15-0-85-0; Crawley 16-5-60-1.

Glam v Derbys CARDITT (third day of four, Glamorgan won loss): Glamorgan have scored 307 against

Total (84.1 overs) 807 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-94, 3-98, 4-205, 5-215, 6-253, 7-258, 8-267, 9-307.

DERBYSHERE: "K J Bernell, †P D Bowler, T J G O'Sommen, C J Adems, F A Griffet, J E Monte, A E Warner, R W Staddin, A W Richerdson, O H Monenson and T A Tweets.

Durham v Lancs

W Larkins not out _____ P W G Parker not out _____ Extras (b 1, b 1, nb 2)

Total (no wid)

LAMCASHIRE: First Innings
G D Mendie at Fothergil b Bainbridge
M A Atherton o Fothergil b Bainbridge
N J Spack b Smith
"N H Faithorher law b Hughes
M Watermon o Larions b Bainbridge
G D Lloyd law b Smith
" thir K Hegg b Smith
P J Meath c Smith b Brown
P J Meath c Smith b Brown
P A J DeFreitas c Brown b Beinbridge
J D Austin c Ledons b Beinbridge
A A Bemett pot out
Edness (b 7, w 1, nb 2)

Bonus points: Durham 6, Lancashire 8. Umpires: H D Bird and J H Hampshire.

Gloucs v Essex

N V Knight c and b Ball
JP Stepheragor b Gerard
JP B Levie b Bel
P J Prichard b Device
N Shehid a Vaughen b Devices
G A Goodh not out

FOOTBALL

Stuttgart manager selects Chapman as cup danger man

FROM STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN STUTTGART

LEEDS United will make a new start in the European Cup here tomorrow night by relying on old values. The focal point of their first visit to the Continent since 1979 will be Lee Chapman, one of the few remnants of a bygone era.

Even the German champions are wary of the damage which may be caused by the tall and comparatively immobile 31-year-old.

Chapman could "give us a big headache". Christophe Daum, the manager of VfB Stuttgart, said. Although Daum can call on the likes of

Buchwald, an experienced international central defender, he declares that he has nobody capable of suppressing the aerial power he expects to see demonstrated, particularly at set-pieces.

Howard Wilkinson does not disguise the limits of his intentions. Since his squad spent yesterday either travelling or recovering from the 1-1 draw against Aston Villa on Sunday, the Leeds manager could empathise with Graham Taylor.

"I would dearly love to have worked with the players," he

Maradona ready for Seville comeback

By Peter Robinson

DIEGO Maradona's rehabilitation is all but complete. After serving a 15-month suspen-sion for failing a drugs test, the incomparable Argentinian is, it seems, about to return to the game in the Spanish city of

The acrimonious, twomonth stand-off between Maradona and Napoli, the dub which still has him under contract until July next year, ended on Friday when the Italians agreed, under pressure from the player, who had refused to return to Naples, and Fifa, which has strongly supported all efforts to bring him back to game, to transfer him. Within 48 hours. Maradona gave the strongest hint yet that he is to join Carlos Bilardo, the former Argentina manager, in Seville by taking his place in the Sanchez Pizjuán stadium to see his prospective new club play Deportivo La Coruña. The tumultuous welcome he was given on Sunday all but

overshadowed at 3-1 defeat.

ARGENTIMAN LEAGUE: San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, Lefura 0, Boca Juniora 2, Huraçan 2, Velez Sarsfeld 0, Ferro Canil Ceste 0, Belgrano (Cordoba) 0, River Plaze 0: San Martin (Tucumen) 0, Newell's Otd Boyz 0; Deportivo Español 3, Girmaesia Espirra La Piata 1; Independiente 1, Racing Cuto 1, Estudientes de la Piata 2, Piatense 1, Plosario Central 1, Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrisotect 2, Americas, Indirez 2, Talismae

Still, Maradona, now 32, was in good spirits. "According to [my manager] Marcos [Franchi], the move here is all set and now Fifa has to decide," he said. "I'm going to make the most of it because I haven't got long left in my

Although no fee has been agreed between the two clubs, it seems Maradona will make his league debut on September 27 at home to Logronés. It was not a good weekend

for David Platt, the England player with Juventus. As Juvé trounced Atalanta 4-1 at home. Platt, unable to gain selection in the side, had to look on from his seat in the stadium as Andreas Möller. his German rival for a place in midfield, crowned a superb display with two goals. AC Milan, after escaping from Pescara with a 5-4 win, retrieved by three goals from Marco Van Basten after the home team had led 4-2, are already, perhaps inevitably. top of the table.

said, "but we haven't got the time. If we did try something new, we would be in danger of falling in between two stools. All we can do is do what we do

Without Wallace, the only player unavailable, their attack has largely lost the ele-ment of surprise, but Chapman argues that his role is even more pivotal.

"There aren't too many traditional English centre forwards around at the moment," he said, "and certainly none of them in European football. We've become a dying breed over the last few years but, when used properly, they can be as effective as any other form of striker.

"If the German coach has picked me out, it is only to confirm that it is very important for me to perform well for the team to do well. We've had a lot of success playing with a big target man over the last three years."

The tangible rewards have been the second and first division titles. Should they add the European Cup to the list of honours, Leeds stand to profit by more than £5 million, a financial bonus so huge that Wilkinson admits he dares not consider the consequence of defeat. Leeds, though, are not yet the consistent force they were last season. Nor, it would appear, are Stuttgart. Last weekend they were knocked out of the German Cup by a second division club and Daum considers a victory. even by the narrowest margin, would be "excellent".

He tempered his apparent pessimism, which extended as far as regarding a goalless draw as acceptable. The anxiety of their crowd forces Leeds to go forward at Elland Road," he said. The implication is that he believes the English champions might be more vulnerable in the second leg in a fortnight.



Edberg reaches new level in search of excellence

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK

IT IS possible that when he does finally hang up his racket and take to the serious business of playing golf, Stefan Edberg will recall his second US Open title as the finest moment of his career. Even Tony Pickard, who knows Edberg better than anyone and who must have died almost as many deaths over a gruelling week, has been surprised by the resilience of his champion.

"He has proved he has a lot of qualities people didn't think he had," Pickard said. "At one stage earlier this year, I thought we were right at the top of the career graph. Now he has taken it up another level. This has been one of the finest perfornances a professional tem player has ever produced."

To cap a day of celebration, Edberg's sixth grand slam title, achieved with a 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-2 victory over Pete Sampras, came on Pickard's

Swede, an ordered and single-minded man, does things two-by-two — first, two Australian titles, then two at Wimbledon, now two at No. 1 ranking. Flushing Meadow — the red clay of Roland Garros will be of luck - a mis-hit service

the subject of Edberg's special attention for his remaining years in the game. At the age of 26, he still has time to complete his collection of grand slam titles, though to do so he would have to labour even longer and harder than he has over the past fortnight.

The Swede's victory continues the European stranglehold on the US Open, which has been broken only once. by Sampras two years ago, in the past eight years (Ivan Lend) won his three titles as a Czech, not an American). As Edberg laboured day

after day through the bottom half of the draw, reaching his

noses of the Americans, he denied the hosts their first clean sweep of grand slam titles since Don Budge won

Edberg enjoyed his share

return against Richard Krajicek, a net cord against Lendi - but his biggest slice of fortune was finding Sampras, not Courier, in the final. Courier would have done much more damage to Edberg's trail service than the more brittle Californian, who was suffering from stom-ach trouble and dehydration.

Once Edberg had shaken off his aches and pains he began for the first time in the tournament to serve and volley with the authority of 12 months ago. Indeed, it was Sampras who inherited the twitch, serving 11 double faults to Edberg's five.

Sampras's high point came when he served for a two sets to one lead. But he was later, lost the tie-break as well. By then, Edberg, who later described his passage through the tournament as a "bumpy road", was on a smooth slope downhill to the finish.

RESULTS: Finals: Men's singles: S Edberg (Swa) bi P Sampras (US), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-2. Women's doubles: G Fernandaz (US) and N Zverswa (CS) bi J Novotna and L Savchenko-Nelland (Lat), 7-6, 6-1

Junior boye singles: B Dunn (US) br N Behr (Isn), 7-5, 6-2 Junior girls singles: L Devenpor (US) bt J Sieven (US), 6-2, 6-2 Men's invitation doubles: P McNamee (Aus) and 1 Smd (C2) ft R Lutz (US) and I Nastate (Rom), 6-2, 6-3

GOLF

Allenby hoping to crown season with added bonus

By MEL WEBB

AFTER five long months away from the bosom of his family, young Robert Allenby was on the point of booking his passage back to his native Australia when he got a phone call inviting him to play in the final stages of the Equity and Law Challenge. He accepted and, yesterday, he took the first step towards recovering the cost of his ticket by taking the lead after the first round at

Royal Mid-Surrey. Allenby, 21, first came to prominence, when he all but won the Australian Open at the end of last year when still

In this, his first season on the European Tour, he has won more than enough to guarantee him his playing card for next season without having to win it at the Tour's version of water torture at the school in November. By nature a retiring sort of

chap, he nonetheless has enough Aussie chutzpah to declare that he expected better of himself. Understandable, really. He has only won about £55,000 this season; it must be nice to be that lousy at your

He birdied the 2nd to claim a point in the Stableford scoring system of this unique tournament and two eagles worth two points apiece - and four more birdies later he was back with nine points to lead by one from Grant Turner,

with Roger Chapman, Russell Claydon and Malcolm Mackenzie a point further back in the hunt for the £25,000 first

Finally, a tale of private enterprise that went wrong. One of the caddies, with an eye for the main chance, hurriedly put together a yardage chart and sold copies to his fellow bag-carriers.

Sadly, that was not the end of the tale, because it was not long before it was discovered that their mate's entrepreneurial spirit was not matched by his performance. In short, his yardages were all wrong.

He beat a hasty retreat. pleading that his pedometer had mistakenly been set in metres and he had given the distances in yards. A reaonable enough excuse, you might have thought - but it still did not explain how he had managed to miss a fairway bunker on the 17th.

It was slap bang in the middle of the driving zone, as more than one player discovered to his cost. A man, it is understood, is being enthusiastically sought

astroanly sought for questioning.
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IN BRIEF

Lamb given date to meet TCCB

ALLAN Lamb will appear before the disciplinary committee of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) on September 23 in connection with ing by Pakistan.

By giving a newspaper interview without permission, Lamb was in breach of his Northamptonshire contract.

Whitaker wins

Equestrianism: Whitaker, of Britain, took the £125,000 Spruce Meadows Masters Grand PTIX in Calg ry, Canada with the 15-year-old German-bred Henderson

Shearer's award Football: Alan Shearer, of

Blackburn Rovers, has been named the first Barclays Young Eagle of the month.

Garratt critical

Speedway: Wayne Garratt, the Newcastle rider, has had brain surgery after a crash.

AMERIÇAN FOOTBALL

Cofer's miss ends 49ers' final chance

THE Buffalo Bills, losers of the last two Super Bowls. finally turned back a good team from the National Football Conference on Sunday by beating the San Francisco 49ers 34-31 in the National Football League (Robert Kirley writes).
Thurman Thomas's Ilyard touchdown run with

three minutes to play proved decisive. Mike Cofer, of the 49ers, failed to tie the game in the waning seconds when his Jim Kelly, of Buffalo, passed

for 403 yards and Steve Young of San Francisco. totalled 449 yards. Each completed three touchdown tosses. There were no punts.

A federal court jury in Minneapolis struck down the league's system of free-agency as being in violation of antitrust laws. Eight players had argued that the system limited their ability to earn salaries comparable to those available in sports with unrestricted free-agency.

THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH Birmingham City are adapting well to playing in a higher division, whereas Lu-

ARSENAL'S guns are being spiked regularly, so they will probably have to be content with a point away to Sheffield United. Sheffield have a habit of excelling against the more glamorous sides, having already defeated Manchester United and Liverpool at Bramall Lane, and can repeat the home draw against

Arsenal last season. Queens Park Rangers, London's leading team, may have their progress checked by Middlesbrough, whose away form received a considerable boost with a victory at Manchester City on Saturday. Middlesbrough look good for a draw, especially as Rangers are inclined to drop home

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1 Hibernian v Afrdrie
X Mothwell v St Johnstne
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CROYDON: Home Counties singles championship: Quarter-finals: G Hamngton (Odord) bit P Vandapeer (Kerth, 21-19). P Vandapopoutos (Surrey, holder) bit R Gastons (Buckunghamstirle), 21-19, E Hawtins (Surrey) bit P Gandon (Sussee), 21-20: J Ford (Berkshire) bit S Gee (Middlesse), 21-18 Semi-finals: Varnvacopoutos bit Hawtins, 21-8 Finat: Varnvacopoutos bit Ford (SURVACO). See Middlesse (21-20: J Hawtins). Middlesse (21-20: J Hawtins). Middlesse (21-20: J Hawtins). Middlesse (21-20: J Hawtins). Middlesse (21-20: J Hawtins).

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WELLINGTON: South Western Counties champiorship: Finats: Singles: M Read (Stenatess, Cornwall) bi J Hobday (West Bactwell, Somerset), 21-11. Patrs: P George and M Polmesse (Portimeor, Comwall) bit Phitest and Elekowtern (Moymouth, Dorset), 24-8 Yinples: A Read, S Truscott and R Bray (Stenatess, Comwall) bit J Loaring, K Tythcott and K Philips (Cdy of Exiter), 21-2 (alter series and) Fourist: S Gast, A Parrell, T Performs and I Middlemast (Bath, Somerset) bit T Sergeant, G Read, N Byden and D Gamed (Weymouth, Dorsel), 18-13.

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PLYMOUTH: Western Morning News
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Jefferies (Naissa) to A O'Neil and G
Senders (Wests. Blake-Beame. Newton
Abbotl, 20-9. D Drew and K Richards
(Stenatees) bt A Heame and L Titheoott
(Badeford Strand), 26-12. Pinal: Drew and
Pachards bt Langley and Jefferies, 27-14

TOUR DE L'AVENER, Francer Shith stage: 168km: 1. L Van Bon (Hoff). 3hr 52min 56sec, 2. L Brochard (Fr), same; 3, M 52sses (Bell), same Bribish: 23, A Paris at 25sec; 38, M McNay, 26, 56, J Charlesworth, 26, 60, D Cook, 26, BS, C Henry (Ira), 26 Oversalt: J, H Garel (Fr), 18hr 55min 54sec; 2, M Wust (Ger) at 1min 18sec, 3, J-P Doyva (Fr) at 1.32.

OAKVILLE, Ordanic: Canadian Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated) 280: G Norman (Aus), 73, 66, 71, 70, B Letzks, 71, 84, 73, 72, (Norman won at second extra hole) 291; N Prace (Zm), 69, 70, 73, 89, 292; J Sindeler, 70, 74, 71, 67; J Delsing, 71, 71, 71, 69; C Pavin, 67, 74, 71, 70, 283; K Clearwater, 73, 71, 71, 68, 294; D Frosi (SA), 71, 70, 73, 70, M Webb, 76, 66, 71, 71; D Pooley, 87, 73, 73, 71; F Couples, 71, 29, 71, 73, 295; J Daty, 72, 71, 71, 71; M O'Meara, 72, 73, 68, 72; F Charn, 89, 72, 72, 73, 286; C Cooper, 72, 74, 72, 68; P Azinger, 71, 73, 70, 72, C Strange, 73, 69, 70, 74

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PORTLAND, Oregon: LPGA champion-ship: Leeding Snai scores (US unless stated) 209: N Lopez, 70, 70, 69, J Crafter (Aust. 64, 73, 72 (Lopez won al 2nd extra noisy 210: J Stephenson (Aus), 72, 72, 66, T Barrett, 66, 69, 75, 211: D Andrews, 72, 71, 68, C Keggi 70, 71, 70, M Figueres, Dottu (Sp), 68, 72, 71, 213: M McGárm, 72, 72, 69, J D Advisson, 71, 70, 72, 214: H Attredsson (Swe), 74, 72, 68; C HB, 71, 74, 69; J Gabson, 69, 74, 77; R Jones, 70, 72, 72, M Figueroner, 71, 70, 73: M Mallon, 69, 72, 73, British: 216: K Dawes, 69, 75, 72,

POWERBOATING

HILL CLIMB: Proteus Petroleum RAC championship: Round 15 (Wecombe, Devon): 1, M Colton (Roman), 41 22 secs. 2, R Lane (Pitbeam), 41.42, 3, R Brown (Pitbeam), 41.45 Championship: equal 1, Lane and D Grace, 95pts, 3, Colton, 82.

RUGBY UNION

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SCHOOLS MATCHES: Bedford 12, Bedford Modern 3, Bishop Vesey's 3, Solihul 48, Bromgrove 7, Dean Close 6, Campion 7, Coopers Cobum 22; Carlord 13, Downsde 6, Chethern House GS 15, Rochester Math 11; Cheade Hulme 9, King's, Macclesfield 72, Chetenham 23, Warwick 0, Chisteriums and Sidoup 6, St. Paufis 27; Christ's Brecon 10, King's, Wordester 0, Christ's Hospital 26, Reigare GS 30; Churcher's 0, King Edward VI, Southempton 22, Ciffich 32, Old Citionans 8; Colcheter RGS 5, St. Joseph's Ipswich 42; Colley 17, Dardord GS 7; Cotston's 13, Queen Bizabeth, Bristol 5, Dover 56, St. Augustinas 0; Durhem 54, Gleinahmond 0; Eton 16, Epeom 14; Greshern's 5, Calcham 28; Hipperholme GS 7, Doncaster Hall Cross 19; Kelly 73, West Buckland 7, King's, Rochester 10, Old Boys 24; Ning's, Taunton 19, ODA VI 20; Langley Park 7, Effect 0; Lord Wandeworth's 5, Chachester HS 20, Loughborough GS 8, Stamford 7; Manchester GS 12, St Edward's College 22; Marring 26, Rechrock 0; Merchant Taylors 5, Dukech 34; Montison Combo 22, Old Boys 46, Monmouth 31, Mantborough 11; Nothingham HS 23, Webbck, 6; Old Swynford Hospital 5, Adams 63 18, Queen Bizabeth GS, Walkefield 11, Hymers 12; Pungbourne 28, Walkefield 11, Hymers 12; Pungbourne 36, Walkefield 11, Hymers 12; Pungbourne 36, Walkefield 11, Hymers 12; Pungbourne 26, Walkefield 11, Hymers 12; Pungbourne 28, Walkefield 11, Hymers 12; Pungbo

Colle 6; Rossalf 14, Denstone 6; RGS High Mycombe 8, Hampton 5; RGS Worcester 10, King Edward's, Birmingham 15; Sevenoels 5; King's, Carterbury 10; St Bartholomew's, Newbury 3, Desborough 15; St Bees 18, Giggleswick 16, S1 John's, Southsee 7, Judd 12; Sherborne 64, Bishop Wordsworth D. Storner's 13, Maldistone GS 15; Stockport 63; 7, Old Stockportans 3; Stowe 7, Abingdon 3; The Leys S5, Culford 17; Tiffin 10, RGS Guildford 11; Trent 20, Oundle 12; UCS 15, Bancordis 15; Watford GS 14, Berkhamsted 27; Wellington (Bertshrei) 3, St Olave's 19; Wellington (Bertshrei) 3, Pflor Park 12; Whitgiff 25, Husspierpoint 17; Wrekin 14, Rydal 20

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Royal Nevy TRC championships: Short range: 1, N Bail 245 31, 2, J Adshead, 245 23, 3, C Dickenson, 242 25, Long ranger: 1, Bail, 188 19; 2, H Watson, 187.18, 3, P Drummy, 187.16, Grand aggregate: 1, Bail, 423 50, Top tyro: P Wrigley, 413 28, 300 and 1,000 yds: 1, Adshead, 103.10, 2, Bail 190.13, Middle aggregate: 1, J Tuck, 135.16.

BISLEY: City RC open championship: 1, Ale Cheminant (Jen's 364 68; 2, N Bail (RN), 433.50, 3, Mr. S is Cheminant (Jen'sey), 433 46, Fremantie Trophy (1,000 yds); 1, Bail, 434, 10; 2, Ale Cheminant, 69 6, 3, P Cultimore, 89 5 Comish Cup (800); 1, Bail, 74.10; 2, W Heag, 73 13, 3, E Brice, 73 10 Barker Prizs (800); 1, C Dickenson, 50.7; 2, K Chard, 49,8,3, M Wigley, 498. K Chard, 49.9: 3, M Wingley, 49.8

SNOOKER

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL European Cup-Winners' Cup First round, first legs

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First round, first legs
Cologne v Cettic (5.0)......
Hibernian v Anderlecht (7.0)...... Premier League Blackburn v Everton (all ticket, 7.45)

Bardays League
First division
Bristol City v West Ham (7.45).....
Oxford Utd v Cambridge Utd (7.45)...
Pelerborough v Millwali............ Second division

Exeter v Wigan Fulham v Swansea. Third division Barnet v Northampton (7.45)...... Chesterfield v Crewe

Rochdale v Gellingham
Shrewsbury v Scarborough
Torquay v Wrexham
Walsali v Bury (7.45)
York v Hereford Anglo-Italian Cup Preliminary round

Charlton v Portsmouth (7.45)

Notts County v Barnsley (7.45)...... Sunderland v Birmingham (7.45)..... GM Vauxhall Conference Runcom v Northwich (7.45) Mitton v Stalybridge .

PÓSTPONED: Statford v Kidderminster.
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Worlangton v Easington Colliery: Budon v
Southpori; Nanherch v Congleson; Statford
Rangers v Altriston: Lincoln v Frickley
Athletic, Stanford v Raunds, Tamworth v
Hedneslord; Gorfeston v Harnigey; Newmarket v Tiboury; Graya Athletic v Chalmslord, Billericey v Degenhem and Redbridge;
Urbridge v Rayners Lane; Slough v
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Buckingham; Binstol Memor Farm v
Lymingson; Cheltenham v Wastericoville

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes v Harrow, Kingstonian v Basingstoke, Marlow v Dulwich: Stames v Hendon; Yeading v Sution United. Postponed: Grays v Stevenage Borough First division: Aveley v Heydridge Swifs, Barlong v Lewes; Hinchin v Purifieet, Tooting and Mitcham v Wembley, Watton and Hersham v Whyteleete Second division: Harrefield v Hemel Hampstadt: Hungerford v Hampton; Metropolitan Police v Berkhamsted Third division: Hertford v Leeghton, Thams v Cove

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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
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RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Glasgow High Kelvinside v Kilmarnock (6.30); Hawick v Kalso (6.30)

CRICKET Britannic Assurance

county championship 10.30, 102 overs minimum GATESHEAD: Durham v Lancashire CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Derbyshire BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v

LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire TAUNTON: Somerset Nottinghamshire THE OVAL: Surrey v Middlesex

HOVE: Sussex v Yorkshire EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Kent

BOXING: British light-wellerweight champ-ronship: Andy Holligen v Tony Bubia (at Liverpool). Commonwealth light-middle-weight champlorship Mickey Hughes (GB) v Craig Trotter (Aus) (at Crystal Palace). GOLF: PGA European Tour School pre-qualitying rounds (Bolion, Manchester and Quertwaters). Equity and Law Challenge (Royal Mid-Surrey). SNOOKER: Classic international Open qualifying rounds (Blackpool).

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Branco, 20; 3, Mogl Minin, 18. Rio de Janeiro: Firet prese: America (Rio de Janeiro) 0, Fluminense 1; Americano 2, America (Free Rios) 1; Bangu 3, Campo Grande 1; Botelogo (Rio de Janeiro) 1, Flamengo 0; Vote Redonde 0, Madureira 0. Laeding positions: 1, Flummense, played 6, 11pts; 2, Bengu, 8, 8; 3, Vasco de Gama, 4, 7.

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Den Bosch 0; Speria Rotterdem 0, MW
Manestricht 0; Go Alheed Eagles Dwenter 1,
Feyencord 1; FC Usrecht 1, FC Groningen 0;
RKC Wassingk 0, Visses Anherm 0, Laceling
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5, 8,
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Valenciennes 0; Touton 1, Nantes 5; Nimes
1, Manselles 3; AS Monaco 0, Montpellier 0;
Auserre 1, St Eleinne 0; Lycons 2, Strabourg
2, Le Havre 0, Sochaux 0, Lens 1, Bordeaux
2, Toutouse 0, Life 0; Metz 1, Caen 0,
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GERMAN CUP: Second round: Bayer
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Dortmund 2, Bayern Munich 2 (act; Dortmund won 7-6 on pers); FC St Paul 2, FC
Nuremberg 3; Dynamo Dresden 2, VIB
Leipzig 3; Hense Hostock 2, VIB Suntgent 0;
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ton Town, their hosts, are having problems adjusting to

a lower division. Despite Bir-

mingham's healthier league

position, a draw would be no

great upset.

Another likely three-pointer

for the punters is Rangers v

Heart of Midlothian, who are

separated only by goal differ-ence at the top of the Scottish

Local derbies usually make

good treble chance selections

and I am taking Dundee

United v Dundee to continue

the trend. Hyde v Barrow is a confident treble chance choice

premier division.

Genoa D, AS Home O; Internazionale 3. Capitar 1; Juventus A, Atalanta 1; Juzio 2. Florentina 2; Parma 3, Udinese 1; Pescara 4. AC Milan 5. Lauding poetitions (etter two matches): 1, Milan, 4pts; 2, Juventus, 3, 3. Todho, 3. PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: CS Marlamo 7, Gil Vicente 1; Estoni 1; Beira Mar D; Beienenses 3, Vitoria Guimarise 0, Paços de Ferretra 2, Cheves 0; Tirsense 3, FC Porto 1; Salguetros 3, Boarleta 1; Ferresicalo 1, Berrica O, Espinho 1, Farrense 1; Sporting Brage 0, Sporting Lisbon 0, Laading positions (etter 1, Ferresicalo 1, Berrica O, Espinho 1, Farrense 1; Sporting Brage 0, Sporting Lisbon 0, Laading positions (etter 1, Ferresicalo 1, Berrica O, Espinho 1, Farrense 5; 1, CS Martimo, Gots, 2, Espinho, 6; 3, Farense, 5, SPANISH LEAGUE: Español 1, Adético Machid 3; Cádiz 1, Real Zaragoca 1; Real Ovasdo 1, Athético Balbano 0; Rayo Vallecano 2, Logiories 1; Celta Vigo 0, Valencia 0, Sevilia 1, Deportino La Coruña 3; Ossaura 3, Albecete 0; Reel Sociedad 1, Sporting Gión 2; Real Madrid 3, Real Burgos 0; Tenente 1, Bercelona 1, Leading positions (etter two matches); 1, Deportino La Conuña, 4pts; 2, Atlético Madrid 4; 3 equal, Bercelona and Velancia, 3.

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21, San Diego Chargers 13: Los Angeles
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34, San Franceco 49ers 31; New Orleans
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Buccaneers 31, Green Bey Packers 3;
Detroit Lions 31, Minnesota Vidings 17:
Philedelphia Eagles 31, Phoenta Cardinals
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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia Philes 6, Pirisburgh Pirates 3; Montreal Expos 7. New York Mess 5, Atlanta Braves 9, Houston Astros 2; San Diego Parins 3, Cholmat Reds 1; San Francisco Giam's 7, Los

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FOR THE RECORD

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CRYSTAL PALACE: National inter-league cup: 1, Portsmouth Northsee, 304pts; 2, Cay of Leeds, 289, 3, Chipping Norton, 237, 4, Manchester United Salford, 227, 5, Beckenham, 226; 6, Norwitch Penguins, 191, 7, Peny Beaches, 165, 8, Shiverer, Hone, 156

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Driving ambition that sparked Williams split



Born: April 16, 1942, Liverpool. Wife: Virginia. Children: three. Home: Newbury. Formula One record: first race, Argentine, 1975; world constructors' championship, 1980, 1981, 1986, 1987. He has been

NIGEL Mansell's intention to retire from Formula One motor racing, just four weeks after he had secured the world championship, has provided a sad and distasteful ending to what should have been the most pleasurable of the six seasons he has spent driving for Frank Williams's team.

But perhaps it was inevitable. The plain fact is that, much as Mansell and Williams have needed each other to fuel their respective ambitions. and despite their mutual admiration for each other's propeople they have barely tolerated each other.

Long ago, Williams said that while Mansell was "magic" in a racing car, he was "a pain in the backside" out of it, while Mansell has never forgiven Williams for what he felt to be his unsympathetic reaction to the back-wrenching practice accident in Japan

which effectively ended Mansell's 1987 championship challenge.
Formula One is no environ-

ment for the faint-hearted. If you have a burning ambition not only to win but also to keep on winning - ambitions in which Mansell and Williams have always been firmly united - you have to bring to the job some fairly uncompromising qualities.
In addition to performing

the mechanics of your task at least as well as anybody else, it helps to be self-centred, cunning, manipulative, oppor-tunistic and devoid of sentiment. It is in the last of these that Mansell, for all his determination and aggression on the track, has what, at the pinnacle of Formula One, has to be considered a weakness: he has a soft spot.

How else could he become so emotionally affected in moments of success or disap-

John Blunsden on the conflict between Nigel Mansell, the Formula One world champion,

and the Frank Williams racing team

pointment? Why, when he is involved in contractual matters, should he believe that fair play and reasonableness

will prevail over all else? Williams did not reach the highest echelons of motor racing through being over-concerned with the niceties. When he entered the sport he brought with him little more than a burning passion for it, an already rapidly developing skill at wheeling and dealing, and the ability to extricate himself from one financial crisis after another.

Mansell, too, climbed the racing ladder the hard way, hurting himself physically and suffering financial strains before he was able to prove his

worth and attract backing. Mansell's progression into Formula One, through the Lotus team, solved his financial problems but not his personal ones; his incessant moan that, if only he could be given the right tools he could get the job done, won him few friends in the Lotus pit area. After the death of Colin Chapman, he became undervalued by the team's new management, hence his move

to Williams in 1985. Frank Williams knew what he was taking on - a potential race-winner, and that was all that mattered. In 1992 and beyond, it is still all that matters, just as for a driver all that matters is to be driving

the best car. That is why Mansell, Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost would all like to be leading the Williams team next year — note the word leading. This has been the seed of the recent discontent.

Having the best car in 1992, and with a reasonable expectancy of still having it in 1993, Williams has been in a strong negotiating position. This makes it seem all the more remarkable — and out of character — that as long ago as last February he should have allowed the temporarily out-of-work Prost to dictate terms for a 1993 drive, which among other demands expressly excluded Senna

from the other car. This suggests that Williams was confident that Mansell would sign on again, on whatever terms were offered to him, to drive alongside Prost. If so, it was a considerable misjudgment. Mansell, who had found Prost to be such a disruptive influence during their time together with Ferran, eventually convinced himself that he could live with the Frenchman a second time around, but the inconvenience of doing so would cost Williams dearly.

As the defending champion, Mansell asked for a lot of money and a lot of fringe benefits. After a lot of hard bargaining, a deal was even-tually struck last month, or so he thought. But Senna's offer to drive, if not for nothing than for a lot less money caused Williams to move the financial goalposts.
This hurt Mansell. Perhaps

for the first time, he now knows that drivers are bought for what they can do tomorrow, not for what they accomplished yesterday and today. The ethics of this may be debatable, but it is a fact of Formula One life.



Nigel Mansell Born: August 8, 1953, Upton-on-Severn. Wife: Rosarne. Children: Chioe (ten), Leo (seven), Greg (four). Homes: isle of Man, Florida, Portugal. Formula One record: first race Austria, 1980; 178 starts, 29 wins; world champion, 1992; runner-up, 1986, 1987, 1991. He was created an OBE last year.

American circuit lures world champion

Mansell poised to join top **Indy Car team**

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE IN NEW YORK AND NORMAN HOWELL IN MONZA

NIGEL Mansell, the Formula talking to 25 different driv-One world motor racing champion. could sign this week for the Newman-Haas Indy Car team.

Mansell, the British driver who startled the sport when he announced on Sunday that he was quitting the Williams team and retiring from Formula One, has been talking with Carl Haas, partner with the actor Paul Newman in the Newman-Haas team.

Haas said yesterday from his headquarters at Lincolnhave known each other a long time and I have had conversations with him about the possibility of his driving for us. He has said he wants to look at Indy Car racing and, if you put two and two together. there aren't many teams he

could be talking to.
"We would be very excited about his joining the team and it would be good for motor racing over here as well. But I ers." But, Haas added, his talks with Mansell were in "quite a different category" from the rest.

One of the "25 different drivers" is Martin Brundle. who has had experience of American racing with Jaguar in the sports car championship. Brundle has been dropped by Benetton after an outstanding season in Formu-

There are firm reports that Mansell has offered at least man-Haas: Mansell has a home in Florida and is attracted by the American way of life and the challenge of racing on Indy-style oval stadium tracks as well as street circuits.

Haas is in no doubt that. despite Mansell's lack of experience of American tracks, he would have no trouble following the path set by another Formula One world champion, Emerson Fittipaldi, who

Car racing. "Mansell is a great racing driver and great racing drivers can race on anything, anywhere," Haas said.

Among other British drivers who have made brief but triumphant forays across the Atlantic are Jim Clark and Graham Hill, both of whom won the Indianapolis 500.

In the statement he read out on Sunday, Mansell was careful to point out that he was retiring only from Formula One and mentioned Indy Cars as a viable alternative. In that if Mansell turns down the Newman-Haas offer, then the drive will go to Al Unser Jr. who only this year at Silverstone expressed his desire to move to Formula

At the Williams team's headquarters at Didcot, the defences have gone up against the onslaught of criticism from the public and the press; all calls were diverted to the company which handles its public relations. This same company has advised Williams not to call a press conference but to put out a

statement instead.. Williams, whether in this statement or soon after, will have to clarify the positions of Alain Prost, who is believed to have reached an agreement with the team some time ago, and of Ayrton Senna, who has said that he will drive for nothing for the world champion team.

There is some dispute on whether Prost has a clause in his contract that excludes Senna, but the point is that immediately after the Portuguese grand prix, in two weeks' time, the new 1993 cars will begin testing and Williams will have to put someone in that car in



Serious contenders: Eubank and Thornton meet yesterday before their bout in Glasgow on Saturday

Eubank vows to feed off derision

THE inner pain that Chris Eubank still feels from the "unfair" treatment he has been given by press men in search of a line will be transferred to Tony Thornton, of New Jersey, when the World Boxing Organisation supermiddleweight champion de-fends his title in Glasgow on

Eubank was in no mood to dispense the usual platitudes of boxing press conférences in Glasgow yesterday. When asked what he would do if booed when he came into the ring, he said, "Please. I will turn the energy of the public on to my opponent."

Clearly Eubank is still smarting from the criticisms which he suffered after his

poor showing in Portugal,

where his third defence, against Ron Essett, was labelled the Snore on the Shore. and clout with nows. He refused to take any blame and said it was all the fault of Essett, who was "a professional coward, and had not come to fight for the title".

At one point it was the end of the conference when Tom-my Gilmour, the Scottish copromoter of Saturday's show, said the good of the Scots would rub off on him. Eubank winced and told Gilmour. "I didn't like what you said. You are saying goodness rubs off on me. I am a good man. I have to put you straight."

Little wonder that Thornton, aged 33, remained suitably respectful throughout the conference. Thornton is the

No. 3 challenger but was moved up to No. 1 after Tim Littles, the No. 1, dropped out through injury, and Nigel Benn, the No. 2, decided to go for the World Boxing Council

Thornton, who works for the post office in Belmar, New Jersey, is known as the punching postman with a first-class delivery. He has had a bone from his hip grafted on to his right hand after suffering an injury in a bout in Atlantic City. "I could not even hold a

bar of soap," he said.
"But it is all right now. The operation was agony. I was in a cast for seven weeks and I feared the hand might go again. But I have come so far to get this fight that I won't be able to hold back."

fights of Eubank on videotape: against Essett, John Jarvis, Sugar Boy Malinga and Michael Watson. "He has a real weird style," was Thorn-ton's observation. "But there's

nothing new under the sun." Thornton said that his rounds as a postman kept him in good shape. "Climbing stairs, dogs, a 40-hour week." He promised that he would

return to Scotland to defend the title against Benn. To which Eubank replied: "I am a professional fighter. You are a postman. You will go back to being a postman."

Billy Hardy will challenge Ray Rayner, of Australia. for vacant Commonwealth featherweight title in Sunder-

land on October 7.

England call up Snow to squad

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SNOW in winter seems an obvious conclusion but the progress being made by Alex Snow this season has confirmed the tributes he won during the summer. The young lock was named yesterday in the England senior training squad to meet on September 26 and 27.

During his university days at St Andrews, Snow, 23, played club rugby for Heriot's FP, appeared for Scottish Students, but declined an invitation to play for the Scotland B side. He formed part of an impressive England Students pack during their world cup in Italy in July and has now

joined Harlequins. He has already made one fleeting appearance in an the Harlequin Sevens, though, at 6ft 7in and 17st 3lb, he may not be begging for a place in the team to represent England in the Dubai Sevens in November, now part of the Rugby Football Union's preparations for the World Cup Sevens in April.

The training squad includes neither Ian Hunter, the Northampton fullback who had a cartilege operation on Saturday, nor Neil Back, the Leicester flanker whose damaged shoulder will not let him play until October 3. However, there are recalls for three older retainers: John Buckton, Andy Robinson and Mike Teague, illustrating once more the depth of talent available to the selectors.

"The indications are we shall be selecting from virtually the same squad as last year" Geoff Cooke, the team man-

Geoff Cooke, the team manager said.

BNGLAND TRAINING SQUAD: Backer J Wabb (Bath), C Od (Waspa), N Healop (Orall), S Hackney (Laicestar), J Enderwood (Leicestar), J Buckon (Sacrours), W Caring (Hartecurre), P de Gianville (Bath), J Guscott (Bath), H Andrew (Toulouse), S Barnes (Bath), D Pares (Hartecurre), R Hati (Bath), C Monta (Orrell), Forwards: M Hymes (Orrell), J Laconard (Hartecurre), A Muttins (Hartecurre), J Probyn (Waspa), V Ubogu (Bath), B Moora (Hartecurre), J Olver (Northampton), M Beytield (Northampton), W Doctey (Preston Grass-hoppers), A Snow (Hartecurre), T Rodber (Northampton), D Ryan (Waspa), M Tasgue (Mossely), A Robbirson (Bath), P Winaerbottom (Hartecurre), B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Laicester).

Short finalises transfer details

stances permit.

agreed Short could go for a

With Kevin Moran now 36

and Colin Hendry sometimes

suspect in central defence,

Blackburn are in need of

Short's services. Dalglish,

though, has been an admirer

of Short for some years, watch-

ing him on regular occasions.

It is believed Dalglish wanted

to buy him when he was

compromise £2.7 million.

By LOUISE TAYLOR

CRAIG Short spent yesterday deep in conversation with Kenny Dalglish at Ewood Park, Blackburn, where he finalised details of a £2.7 million transfer from Notts County, which should be completed today.

It will make Short, 24, the subject of a protracted transfer tussle involving Blackburn Rovers and Derby County, Britain's most expensive de-fender, a distinction he takes over from Keith Curie, who cost Manchester City £2.5 million last year.

Dalglish, who will boost his spending at Blackburn to close on £14 million in less than a year as manager yesterday said: "I do not expect the transfer to go through tonight, but it should do in the

Derek Pavis, the Notts County chairman, said: "We have agreed a fee and it is up to Craig." Short, who began his career with Scarborough,

is keen to return north. "Blackburn is only 90 minutes drive from my parents in Pickering, North Yorkshire where my wife's family also are and we both want to move north," he

"It will also be special to work with someone like Kenny Dalglish, play alongside some of the people at Black-burn like Alan Shearer and Smart Ripley and be in the Premier League

"I have already talked to Derby and they made me a simply superb offer, but in my heart of hearts I wanted to join Blackburn."

There is no question that Short, who is six foot, is one of the more commanding central defenders around, but as he said: "It is an awful lot of money to pay for someone who has only played 40-odd first division games in Notts County's relegation team last season. I am a good stopper but my distribution could be

Naturally modest he may

be, but Short would be entitled manager of Liverpool, but the about to brag about considerable aerial ability, sureness in tion the move. the tackle and an increasing Notts County have replaced tendency to play the ball out of defence, pushing up to sup-port his attack when circum-

him with the promising David Robinson, a £300,000 acquisition from Peterborough "I've been encouraged to Chelsea are in the market push forward a bit more this for a new goalkeeper after season and that aspect of my Dave Beasant conceded two game is improving," he said.

soft goals in Saturday's 3-2 Notes County had previousdefeat at home to Norwich. ly rejected two £2.5 million Ian Porterfield, the Chelsea offers from both Derby and manager, laid the blame at Blackburn for Short, warning Beasant's door and with Kevin to hold out for a £3 million Hitchcock injured, he is lookmove, but when the player, not ing to recruit another goalunreasonably, became upset keeper this week. at such a demand Pavis

Porterfield yesterday said: "Beasant is a bag of nerves. He made a few blunders last season but I decided to back him. But after a mistake he made at Liverpool and the two against Norwich we reached the end of the road. Now we must find a replacement.

Beasant has made too many mistakes but I want to make it clear I think the world of him as a person."

McManaman faces fight for fitness

STEVE McManaman is struggling to shake off a back injury in time for Liverpool's European Cup-Winners' Cup tie against Apollon Limassol at Anfield tomorrow.

The England under-21 winger missed the Premier League defeat at Sheffield United on Saturday and his prospects of recovery do not look good.

The Liverpool manager Graeme Souness is asking his players not to take the Cypriots lightly. "This club has never been guilty of underestimating anybody and I hope we're not about to start," he said. Sheffield Wednesday, back

in Europe for the first time in 28 years, look likely to retain their defender. Paul Warburst, as a makeshift forward for the first leg of the Uefa Cup tie against Spora Luxembourg at Hillsborough. The former England Under-21 centre half, who scored his first goal for the dub in the 2-1

win at Nottingham Forest on Saturday, said: "We've got a few problems and everybody has got to play where the manager wants them to."

Wednesday are already without David Hirst, who has an ankle injury, and Mark Bright, their El million signing from Crystal Palace, is ineligible until the quarterfinal stage. But they hope that Chris Waddle will overcome a thigh knock that led to his substitution against Forest Nigel Pearson, who missed that match with a hamstring strain, is rated doubtful.

A severe chest infection may force Paul Walsh into a long lay-off. The Portsmouth forward, who spent a night in hospital, had a temperature of 104. He has faringitis — an affection which affects the

Charlton Athletic have signed John Robinson, the Brighton winger, with the fee to be decided by a tribunal.

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INSIDE

Mrs Mellor offers support

Judith Mellor (below), the wife of David Mellor, the heritage secretary, yester-day went to the High Court to support her friend Mona Bauwens in her libel action against The People newspaper. She said: "I am just supporting my Mona. I planned to come

here today anyway."

Mrs Mellor was not called upon to give evidence but she heard that her

call

Snow



husband has been subpoenaed and may be obliged to

appear. She also heard Mrs Bauwens tell the jury that she had been made physically sick by the newspaper coverage of the case concerning the Mellor family's holiday with her at her rented villa in Marbella during the Gulf warPage 3

Vaccine alert

Studies by doctors in Nottingham led to the withdrawal of two brands of vaccine to prevent rubella. measles and mumos in children, after they found links to a mild form of viral meningitis. But doctors 11 vaccine may not be as

Dr Aidan Macfarlane. director of public health at Oxford Health Authority. said only 50 reports of viral meningitis had occurred in more than four million children treated since the MMR vaccines were introduced in 1988.....Page 5

Flood stand-by

Six hundred thousand people in the city of Sukkur in Pakistan's Sind province, where severe flooding is expected tomorrow, have been put on stand-by for evacuation. The govern-ment has rescued half a million people......Page 13

Pit closes

British Coal is to close a coal pit near Stoke-on-Trent, one of the most modern in the country but still which is losing £20 million a year, with the loss of 1,400 jobs..... Page 19

Malik tops

Salim Malik and Courtney Walsh topped, respectively. the batting and bowling averages for the first-class cricket season which finished yesterday..... Page 30

Faldo rated

Mitchell Plants, golf corres-pondent, rates Nick Faldo the most complete player

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City fears rise in UK interest rate while government still rules out devaluation



Major calls off Spanish trip as pound plunges

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, GEORGE SIVELL AND TOM WALKER

ment last night as sterling fell to its lowest close against the mark since ioining the European exchange-rate mechanism and John Major called off a long-standing visit to Spain.

A miserable day for the pound and shares, wiping out the gains that had followed the cut in German interest rates on Monday, came after the prime minister postponed his trip to Expo 92 in Seville at less than 24 hours' notice, deciding that he could not afford to leave the country in the present climate.

Sterling came to within 0.32 pfenning of its absolute floor in the ERM as it fell 3.19 plennings during the

and political difficulties than £9.5 billion was wiped to close at 2,370.

City fears were raised last night that the government might have to raise interest



the Chancellor of the Exchequer, have committed themselves to maintaining sterling's parity with the mark and senior Whitehall sources insist that the prospect of a

devaluation is "zero". The Bank of England must use its reserves to intervene if sterling falls to DM2.7780. If intervention fails, interest rates must be raised. The final option is realignment within the ERM. The government has repeatedly ruled out devaluation - so if such a decision had to be taken, it could make Mr Lamont's position untenable at the Treasury and critically jeopardise Mr Major's own

The pound, the peseta and the lira struggled yesterday

MOUNTING economic day to DM2.7812. More and political difficulties than £9.5 billion was wiped crowded in on the govern
day to DM2.7812. More position within the ERM. Mr position within the ERM. Mr position within the ERM. Mr Major and Norman Lamont, ahead of the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty on Sunday. Ministers will be anxiously watching the markets this morning. The latest retail sales and public borrowing figures today, and the unemployment figures to-morrow, are unlikely to give them much cheer.

Dealers detected no apparent intervention by the Bank of England yesterday to support the pound but this may have been because the pound did not actually trade at its ERM floor.

Downing Street insisted that the sudden cancellation of Mr Major's two-day trip was not connected with the vulnerability of sterling. It said his decision was due to his heavy workload and he wished to bring himself up to

date with the public spending negotiations. These are reaching a critical stage as the Chancellor's new special cabinet committee will hold its first meeting tomorrow. Mr Major will also be involved in contingency planning for the action that will follow the French vote.

Downing Street was aware that the announcement might add to the air of drama surrounding the government, but Mr Major decided that the risk had to be taken. The announcement also underlined the gravity of the gov-ernment's difficulties over public spending. The series of Continued on page 18, col 1

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'No' vote could end defence of sterling

Senior British officials have hinted for the first time referendum could put in doubt Britain's ability to keep sterling within its present bands in the ERM, which has been the keystone of the government's economic policy. These official comments came as sterling slid back to within 0.2 plennigs of its absolute floor in the ERM and hit a new low against the mark. They reinforced reports from Germany of confrontation between Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, and Helumt Schlesinger, the Bundesbank president at

Bath ten days ago. British officials, who made no comment about relations between Britain and Germany, conceded that a "no" vote would have "important the European exchange-rate mechanism" and would create a system with "a degree of flexibility in exchange rates that has not existed" in the period since Britain joined

They have suggested that an increase in interest rates of only two or three percentage to avert market pressures for a sterling realignment, if speculators targeted sterling after the French referendum in the way they attacked the Italian lira. And they have confirmed persistent reports that the German Bundesbank was seeking a wider ERM realignment than the unilateral devaluation agreed

Coming at this sensitive time, they suggested that a "no" vote in France might be taken, at least by some senior government advisers, as a signal to reconsider the government's commitment to defend sterling's ERM exchange rate at all costs.

Anatole Kaletsky reports on the first signs of concern among government advisers about Britain's ability to defend the pound if the French vote "no"

The sharp fall in sterling occurred despite private polls circulating in the markets that showed a big increase in French support for Maastricht. Two polls conducted on Monday showed major-ities of 56-44 in favour. A poll conducted on Sunday and Monday nights showed a 54showed a 50-50 vote.

In the event of a "no" vote. one senior official predicted that the ERM would become "an animal similar to the system that existed between 1983 and 1987", a period in which there were four realignments. The system would still have "an anti-inflationary bias and a strong reluctance to realign, but ultimately there would be a flexibility that has not existed".

I reasons for the apparent government's absolute commitment to the present ERM parity in the event of a "no

tant is probably the astonishing losses suffered by the Bank of Italy in its ultimately unsuccessful attempt to hold up the lira. Although British officials are unanimous in "special case" because of its high inflation and political chaos, there is a growing recognition that the efforts made by Italy and Sweden recently to defend their currencies have been on a far greater scale than anything seen in Continued on page 18, col 1

UK details Bosnia troops

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent, and Robin Young

BRITAIN is to send 1,800 heavily armed troops to Bosnia-Herzegovina in an operation codenamed Grapple, which will cost up to £90 million in the first year of deployment, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary. announced yesterday. The troops are expected to be operational in the Balkans within 40 days.

Details of Britain's contribution towards protecting humanitarian relief convoys to Sarajevo and other cities under siege were announced, as a mercy flight carrying 68

seriously sick and wounded victims of the fighting in Bosnia landed at Stansted airport in Essex last night.

The men, from detention camps at Manjaca and Trnopolje in Serb-held northern Bosnia, have been granted exceptional immigration rights. The Foreign Office confirmed that the government, which met the £50,000 cost of the rescue flight, had also agreed that the men's families should be allowed to join them in Britain while they were receiving medical

treatment. The announce-

ment on the British troop deployment followed the reso-lution by the United Nations Security Council on Monday night to send reinforcements Bosnia and to expand the UN mandate.

The British battalion group, led by the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment, part of the Desert Rats 7th Armoured Brigade, may be based at Bihac, although details of the locations for the Continued on page 18

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Exam grades raised

By JOHN O'LEARY

NEARLY 1,000 pupils had their GCSE and A-level grades raised on appeal in the past year, it was announced yesterday, increasing concern over consistency of marking.

There were 93 cases sent to the Independent Appeals Authority after last year's examinations, three times as many as in the previous year. Of these, 20 test cases completed the full appeals procedure and nine were upheld. In 1990 only one was upheld.

In its annual report the authority said: "The enquir-Leading article, page 15 ies, appeals and reactions to

them from the centres and parents, as well as from others less directly concerned, have revealed a strong vein of disquiet, even suspicion, about the possibility of error."

In one case 730 pupils were upgraded in a GCSE chemistry examination set by the London East Anglian group. Lady Anson, who chairs the

authority, said more appeals would have been lodged if pupils were able to deal directly with the authority. A review will consider whether to extend the remit beyond appeals from schools.

If you can't sell your home, try swapping

BY RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

JUST when it seemed every slick gimmick had been tried to get the housemarket moving again, home-owners are being invited to turn to

the age old system of bartering.
Out go the housebuilders' tricks of new homes covered in fake snow at Christmas to encourage a sense of good cheer, the free BMW, or even a butler for a month thrown in. The smell of brewing coffee or fresh flowers awaiting any prospective buyers have long since lost their magic.

The property services arm of the Bristol and West yesterday launched a home exchange scheme in more than 50 agency branches in the South-West and London. The building society aims to build a register of people who want to move in the slow housing market — and are willing to exchange homes to do so. There are an estimated 800,000 owners who cannot move because of the recession. With research showing that more than seven out of ten people move locally, the society believes the new scheme offers a useful alterna-

tive strategy to frustrated

But building societies are not the only area of the housing market anxious to try anything. Developers have also realised that simple methods could be best. In the first auction of new homes in Britain, 20 luxury flats in Folkestone, which had stubbornly

refused to move for two years, were knocked down in just 62 minutes. said: "We hold the auctions at a weekend so they can be a family The practice is common in America. but unknown for new homes here where the auction traditionally has been the province of property that is repossessed, or difficult to sell because it is in poor condition.

The Folkestone auction was organised for Prowting Homes by the American firm Kennedy-Wilson. which has sold more than \$3 billion (£1.6 million) worth of property in America by auction. The two-bedroom, two-bathroom flats overlooking the sea had been on offer for between £105,000 and £180,000. At the auction they fetched from E75,000 to E147,000.

Aubrey Glaser, the auctioneer.

weekend so they can be a family occasion. We try to make it easy for people to buy." Kennedy-Wilson runs "How to Buy" seminars before the day, holding mock auctions so that people can practise bidding.

Homeowners wondering if estate agents are no longer up to all their own tricks should think again however: estate agents may still clinch a sale in time-honoured tradition - if you pay them enough. Within a month McCarthy & Stone, the retirement home builder, sold 11 flats owned by people who wished to move into one of their new developments in Chorlton in Manchester - by doubling the estate agent's commission from 1.5 per cent to 3 per cent.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Homosexual claims 'known for years'

An investigation into claims that homosexuals holding senior legal positions may have influenced the course of Scottish justice would never have been ordered if information bad not been leaked to the press, it was claimed

last night (Kerry Gill writes).

Alistair Darling, Labour MP for Edinburgh Central, said the allegations in a leaked police report had been common knowledge in Edinburgh legal circles for three years." If the report had not been leaked to the Edinburgh Evening News and the other press had not picked up the story nothing would have happened." He said he wrote to the former Lord Advocate, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie - now Minister of State at the Scottish Office - some time ago, expressing concern over one case in the report but no action was taken.

The report alleged that homosexuals in the legal profession may have perverted the course of justice. It named a High Court judge, two sheriffs and leading members of the legal fraternity that may have left themselves open to blackmail. The report instanced five cases including one involving rent boys in which 47 of 57 charges were suddenly dropped shortly before the trial.

Player denies punch

The former England rugby player Gary Rees, accused of breaking an opponent's jaw with a punch at a friendly match, yesterday told Kingston Crown Court that he had "just wanted to barge him over" during play. Mr Rees denies causing grievous bodily harm to Stefan Marty, of London Irish. In evidence, he said: "I never meant to hurt him in any way. I was distraught when I discovered the seriousness of his injuries." Tape on his fingers would have prevented him from punching. The trial continues today.

Heritage cash warning

Rescue packages to save historic buildings and their contents, such as that created recently for Pitchford Hall. Shropshire, will have to be funded privately if they are to succeed, Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage. said in his annual report yesterday. Pitchford Hall, whose scheme failed, would have been given to the nation and its contents bought for £1.8 million by the National Heritage Memorial Fund. "It was rejected purely on the grounds that the money was not there...". Mr Stevens said.

Radio launch delayed

The launch of a third national commercial radio station rivalling Radio 4 and the BBC's proposed 24-hour news network has been delayed for over a year by the Radio Authority, which says that advertising cannot sustain a sudden rise in stations. The third station (INR3), required to be speech-based, will now not broadcast until spring 1995. It could have found a frequency late next year, before BBC Radio 6 begins in early 1994. The authority is to advertise five new regional licences in the next six months.

£30m boost for port

Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, celebrated 125 years as a port yesterday with the opening of a £30 million dock entrance providing access for vessels of 20,000 tonnes, twice the previous maximum size. The improved entrance, inaugurated by Lord Cavendish of Furness, was intended to allow the Vanguard class submarines being built at the VSEL yard to exit easily, but will also give the port a competitive edge in seeking new contracts. The yard has cut its workforce from 14.000 to 9.000 in the past two years.

Photocalls as usual for stay-at-home Major as he anticipates spending battles

Squeeze on cash will hit housing, roads and schools

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CAPITAL spending programmes on roads, housing, hospitals, schools and inner cities are expected to be hit in the toughest squeeze on public spending for ten years.

All ministers are bracing themselves for stringent cutbacks on planned programmes aimed at keeping public expenditure within the £244.5 billion agreed last July. But the real battle over who gets the biggest share of the cake will start at tomorrow's meeting of the special cabinet

Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, will tomorrow set out a number of difficult options to curb spending while meeting the costs of the demand-led social security bill, and the implementation of new policies such as the council tax and community

It will be up to the committee, chaired by Norman

Lamont, the Chancellor, to

draw up a list of spending priorities and decide where the cuts should fall. The final decision will be put to the full cabinet in October or early November. Spending ministers point out that under the new system they are given no opportunity to negotiate with Mr Portillo over the bids as they have done in previous

The prime minister, anticipating an outcry from some departments, is now busy briefing himself on papers from meetings between Mr Portillo and ministers held in the last two weeks. Mr Major's decision to cancel his trip to Spain leaves his diary free to see Mr Portillo and individual

spending ministers.

Michael Howard, environment secretary, is arguing for

Sadness as Seville visit is called off

JOHN Major has swapped a stroll in the Andalusian sun-shine and a flag-waving visit to the British pavilion at Expo 92 in Seville for more prosaic but pressing business at home, (Nicholas Wood and Edward Owen write).

ders of the vast steel and glass showcase for British industry. he will be grappling with the implementation of the council tax, the cabinet dispute over public spending and the future of the BBC charter, while keeping a wary eye on the state of the pound.

The cancellation of the 24hour trip means that Mr Major and his Whitehall entourage will not be able to count themselves among the 1.75 million people who have

wandered among the displays by firms such as Marks & Spencer and Royal Doulton and marvelled at the way Nicholas Grimshaw, the architect, has designed a temporary building the size of Westminster Abbey.

The cancellation caused disappointment at the British pavilion yesterday. A spokes-man said that a midday reception had been planned. and that, although meetings with VIPs were not part of the itinerary, Mr Major would have met Manuel Chaves, president of the Andalusian government

There now seems little chance that Mr Major will be able to fly the flag for British industry in Seville. Expo 92 closes in less than a month, and the prime minister's heavy automn schedule leaves little opportunity for an im-

about £2 billion extra to cover transitional costs for the implementation of the council tax and Virginia Bottomley, health secretary, is seeking over £600 million for the community care programme.
Peter Lilley, social security

secretary, is said to be pressing for well over £3 billion extra on his £76 billion budget next vear. Inaccurate forecasts on unemployment will cost an extra £2 billion. The demand for a number of benefits this year, including family credit and income support, has been seriously underestimated. pushing overspending up

even further.

Mr Lilley may be persuaded to bring forward changes to the pension age for women by raising it to 65, which could save £3 billion. But other cutbacks, such as reducing the eligibility for unemployment benefit, are unlikely to be politically acceptable.

Defence, transport, health and environment are instead expected to be the most vulnerable departments. The government will find it hard to condone big cutbacks in defence at a time when it is committing 1.800 troops to back up UN forces in Bosnia. Some ministers are already alarmed at the potential extra costs of committing forces.

A more likely victim to Mr Portillo's knife is an ambitious for a billion to processing the control of the

AS ANOTHER long day in

the life of a modern prime

minister journeyed into night. John Major rounded off his

official engagements yester-day by going back to his political roots.

At about 8pm he was in Lambeth south London, mak-

ing a presentation to two

Conservative councillors who

had served alongside him in

the 1960s and who have

completed 30 years in local government. As he made the

presentation to Hugh Cham-

bers and Bob Greenwood, the

SHEW TO DESTRUCE

prime minister, buffeted by a

sterling crisis and a host of

other storms, might have wished he could swap places.
The day began as it ended—with old friends. At 8am, Chris Patten, architect of the

election victory and now gov-

ernor of Hong Kong, dropped in for breakfast. Before losing

his Commons seat, Mr Patten

was one of Mr Major's closest

advisers. It was perhaps no

tion of the prime minister's

trip to Spain was made known as the two men posed for

photographers at about 9am

outside Admiralty House in

Whitehall. Mr Major's tempo-

rary base while Downing

leaders of Unice, the confeder-

ation of European employers' organisations, headed by Car-

los Ferrer, the president, who

pressed the case for the completion of the single market

and the stalled Gatt talks. To

the relief of the prime minis-

ter, his guests did not mention

After meetings with cabinet

ministers, Mr Major slipped

away to what was coyly billedas a private engagement. It

turned out to be lunch at the

Stafford hotel in St James's

with the Country Landowners'

After a gentle canter-around

the rural economy, planning

and reform of the common

agricultural policy, it was back to Admiralty House and the

rather less tranquil business of

Association_

the pound and interest rates.

An hour later, he met the

Street is refurbished.

£6.3 billion programme to improve trunk roads and motorways in Britain over the next three years which is detailed in the Tory manifesto.

The public spending white paper includes a £2 billion capital programme for the Housing Corporation for next year and £1.9 billion on local authority housing, much of which is earmarked for repairs. The environment department is also to spend £798 million on inner-city

intitiatives next year. Mrs Bottomley is not expected to get the 2.8 per cent real terms increase that she was promised to boost her budget next year to £30 billion. She hopes to get at least enough to cover inflation and will argue that extra cash will be needed and nurses, the community care programme and the pa-

While John Major is said to be committed to improvements in education services, the capital programme to improve schools and the further education budget are expected to come under heavy

scrutiny.
The special cabinet committee comprises Mr Lamont, Mr Portillo. Tony Newton, leader of the House of Commons, John Wakeham, leader of the House of Lords, William Waldegrave, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, and Michael Heseltine, trade and industry secretary. The com-mittee is expected to meet once more before the Tory party conference before putting its deliberations to the full

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3pm: talking peace with King Husain of Jordan



5pm: with Norman Willis, of the European TUC

London, was due at 3pm to review the state of the Arab-Israeli peace talks and the renewed tensions in the Gulf. At 5pm, Norman Willis, president of the European

the Middle East. King Husain
of Jordan, a regular visitor to

TUC as well as general secretary on the domestic front. forced a rare entry to the corridors of power with a delegation. Unlike the employers. Mr Willis was not afraid to mention interest

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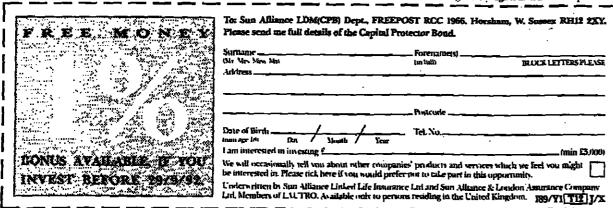
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The policy gurus in tune with No 10

THE "Best and the Brightest" was how David Halberstram, in part ironically, described the members of the Washington and New York foreign policy establishment whose advice led to the growing involvement of America in south-east Asia in the 1950s and 1960s. The same might now be said, perhaps with similar irony, of the group of advisers around John Major and Norman Lamont whose views have influenced British economic policy for more than

There are two main groups - one in 10 Downing Street and the Treasury, and the other at the Bank of England consisting of a mixture of special advisers and permanent officials. The link is that most were bloodied during the turmoil of the mid-seventies when inflation threatened to spiral out of control and the pound plunged. The main advisers were converted to, or entrenched in, the view that inflation is an evil that must be eliminated, or least kept to the lowest possible level, if there is to be sustainable economic growth. That led to the adop-

tion of what became known as

monetarism, even though that

Peter Riddell looks at the background of the economic advisers grouped around an embattled John Major

variety of goals and methods of economic policy.

If Harvard was the forma-

tive influence on the American

foreign policy advisers, the London Business School in the second half of the seventies was the finishing school for many of the present advisers. Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury's permanent secretary; Alan Budd, his old friend and successor as chief economic adviser; and Bill Robinson. special adviser to the Chancellor, were colleagues in the small economic unit there. They developed proposals emphasising the importance of the exchange rate as a central mechanism in economic relationships.

Sir Terence joined the Treasury as chief economic adviser in 1980. Since then, he has played a key role in development of policy under successive chancellors. His occasional public speeches and comments have reflected the change in Treasury thinking much-abused term covers a from the mid-eighties on-

wards to accepting the virtue of stable exchange rates. That led to the controversial shadowing of the mark in 1987-8 and eventually to entry into the exchange-rate mechanism

nearly two years ago.
That shift produced conflict between Nigel Lawson and Margaret Thatcher, and a challenge to the Treasury view from economists such as Sir Alan Walters, an official and unofficial adviser at No 10 in the 1980s, and Patrick Minford and Tim Congdon. They see themselves as mue monetarists who emphasise the growth of the money supply rather than what they see as the false goal of a fixed exchange rate.

Apart from the London Business School contingent, the other key Whitehall advisers are Sir Nigel Wicks. Treasury second permanent secretary: Michael Scholar, also at the Treasury: Alex Alian, principal private secretary to Mr Major and a Treasury official: and Sarah Hogg, head of the

Downing Street Policy Unit. Mrs Hogg, as an economic journalist in the seventies and eighties, was prominent in debate over policy changes.

At the Bank, a central role is played not just by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor, but by two career Bank officials. Eddie George, deputy governor, whose views on economic and monerary policy have had a big influence on Mr Major and Mr Lamont and by Anthony Coleby, an executive director responsible

for market operations. These advisers share belief in the importance of fighting inflation and of stable exchange rates. They have become associated in the arguments that led to the decision to join the ERM and in the latest battles over maintaining the parity. Although there are differences of view within both Treasury and Bank, they agree on what amounts to a new orthodoxy -embattled though it now is. What is more, it ties in with Mr Major's instincts Even though he only came round gradually in 1989-90 to urging ERM membership, his hatred of inflation has been constant, nurtured on his od-

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PLO man's daughter defends relationship with heritage secretary and attacks media 'innuendo'

Friendship with Mellor 'nothing to be ashamed of'

MONA Bauwens, the woman who shared her holiday villa in Marbella with David Mellor, the heritage minister, and his family, said in the High Court yesterday that there was "nothing, absolutely nothing" to be ashamed of in her relationship with the Mellor family.

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Mrs Bauwens, 31, said that she had also found out that John Major, the prime minister, had made it known that he "no reason" for Mr Mellor to be ashamed of his association with her or her family.

In a libel action, Mrs Bauwens is seeking damages from the publishers of The People newspaper. She said that she had "thrown up" after reading reports of the trial in yesterday's newspapers, which she said were full of innuendo and written for sensational

The court was told that the real purpose of the articles at the centre of her action was to question Mr Mellor's political judgment in taking a family holiday with Mrs Bauwens, whose father is an executive member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).

Mellor may be called to give evidence, concerns the holiday which Mr Mellor, his wife and children took with Mrs Bauwens in a rented villa at Marbella during the Gulf

During angry exchanges with George Carman, QC, Mrs Bauwens, whose father, Jawid al-Hussein, is chairman of the Palestine National Fund, said repeatedly that the. activities of the PLO were nothing to do with her. The newspaper had described her father as the "paymaster" of the PLO and had outlined alleged atrocities committed

by the organisation. Mr Carman said it was 'blindingly obvious" that the primary purpose of The People articles, published in September 1990 at the time of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, was to criticise not her but Mr Melior, who at the fir

minister for the arts. Mrs Bauwens replied: "It may be legitimate for you to criticise people in public office but not, in the process, to drag me into it, to say because I am my father's daughter I should

not be mixed with " Mr Carman asked: "Did

appreciate, that at a very politically sensitive time when the Middle East, with hostages taken, it was important for a government minister to support the government politically on the sensitive issue?"
She said: "I appreciate it, but I don't think Mr Mellor did anything which did not show his support of the government. During the holiday, Mr Mellor rang his office several times to see if he should return. He was in constant Mr Carman referred to

several terrorist actions alleg-edly carried out by the PLO, including the Achille Lauro cruise liner hijack, in the Mediterranean in October 1985, and the Lockerbie jet bombing, which killed 375. Mrs Bauwens said she knew

the accusations had been made and had been denied. "I am not here to defend or uphold the PLO.

"I can only tell you what I know. This organisation is recognised in over 100 countries, including Great Britain and the EEC declaration says the PLO should participate in any peace talks.

The Arab league says they are the representatives of the Arab people. If what you are saying is right, I would be very surprised that Her Majesty's government would allow this organisation to have an office in the UK."

Mr Carman: "Did you dis-cuss with your father between the years 1985 and 1990 the nature of the position he occupied on the executive committee of the PLO?"

Mrs Bauwens "No, my father never talked about this.

We certainly discussed politics, we are a very spirited family. We are very talkative, all of us. From what I know about my father's views he certainly

always advocated peaceful negotiations. The whole history of the family has been peaceful negotiations. He never came and said what went on at Mr Carman asked about

her father's actions at the time Saddam Hussein took hostages and threatened to use them as a human shield. "To your knowledge, did he

ever threaten to resign.?" She said: "I am not really prepared to discuss certain



Sticking together: Mr Mellor's wife Judith, left, with Mona Bauwens, who seeks damages from The People

Minister's wife in court to back friend

JUDITH Mellor, wife of the the press coverage in the national heritage secretary David Mellor, yesterday made an unexpected appearance in the public gallery of the High Court where her friend Mona Bauwens is fighting a libel action against The People (Tim Jones

Braving a host of photogra phers. Mrs Mellor walked arm-in-arm with Mrs Bauwens. Mrs Mellor, who sat listening intently during the hearing, had heard George Carman, QC, say that the real issue of the case was of the political wisdom of Mr Mellor taking a holiday with the daughter of an executive member of the Palestine Liberation Organisation during the Gulf hostilities. Outside court Mrs Mellor

told reporters: "I am just supporting my friend Mona. I planned to come here today anyway." Asked if she was going to give evidence for Mrs Bauwens, Mrs Mellor said: "I'm not prepared to comment. I'm here. That's all."

During the lunch break

Mrs Mellor accompanied Mr and Mrs Bauwens and the society hostess Liz Brewer to the Wig and Pen club where they dined in a private room on salmon sandwiches, mineral water and coffee.

Dressed in a smart checked jacket, Mrs Mellor sat in the packed courtroom as her friend was closely questioned about her reactions to the newspaper reports of the first absence of the jury, said he would study them "while I am

thought Mr Carman's descriptions of photographs of her taken at her mothers's home - one of which showed her in a leotard astride a

fied and full of innuendo. "He was trying to make them sensationbal by saying they were provocative or

rocking horse - were unjusti-

Richard Hartley, QC, her counsel, asked the judge to look at the reports. "I don't know if they are supposed to be fair and accurate reports but there is only one subject addressed in them," he said. Mr Carman said that it was

inevitable that some newspapers would decide to pick out a small part of Monday's evidence but his clients were not responsible for what appeared in other tabloid newspapers except in so far as they accurately reported what happened in court.
Time and again Mrs

Bauwens defended her family and asked, when questioned about the activities of the PLO and of her father: "What has it got to do with me?"

Mrs Bauwens told Mr Car-man that to him it was just a job whereas she was fighting innuendo and a newspaper circulation war. Even if her father was not an honourable man, the sins of the father should not be visited on his

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Underdog wooed by Oxford

By JULIA LIEWELLYN SMITH

OXFORD dons and students yesterday explored ways to attract more sixthformers from working class and ethnic minority back-grounds. Their conference was part of a new scheme fired as much by social fair play as by evidence that former comprehensive pupils are outperforming those from public schools in the quality of their final

degree.
The Oxford Access Scheme aims to persuade students from tougher educational backgrounds to apply. There have been similar schemes before, but none that drew financial backing, and pledges to lend sympathetic ears to applicants. from 15 colleges.

The one-day conference attracted teachers, college admissions officers, career advisers from local education authorities, students targeted by Access and industry representatives. Talks explored the practicalities of attracting students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Jitinder Kohli, who runs the scheme, said it was prompted by a belief that there was a vast pool of talent being overlooked.

In 1900, 5 per cent of successful applicants to Oxford came from ethnic minorities, against 8 per cent at other universites. While 33 per cent of white applicants landed a place, only 23 per cent of those from ethnic minorities did.

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Police react coolly to prostitute zone

Birmingham council is considering a plan to shift the vice trade to an industrial area. Craig Seton reports

Balsall Heath is an inner city area of Birmingham which has struggled valiantly for several years to shake off its run down image and reputation as the main red light area of Britain's second largest city, where prostitutes openly ply their trade on numerous streets or advertise their availability by posing in underclothes in house windows.

Local parks, allotments and lock-up garages are regularly used for the exchange of casual sex and money between the girls and their clients, in spite of repeated action by the local police to crack down on the trade. Residents complain constantly about discarded condoms, of women being molested by kerb crawlers and

of abuse by prostitutes. To try to develop a longterm strategy to curb the nuisance the city council commissioned a report that recommends creating a "zone of tolerance", possibly in an industrial area, where prostitutes could work without fear of arrest and could be monitored and have health checks.

The report estimates that one in 12 of Birmingham men use the services of an estimated 900 prostitutes in the city and whose numbers are said to be increasing due to

Later this week the committee will consider a motion to begin talks with the police. magistrates, social workers, probation officers and other agencies that could lead to setting up a zone for

West Midlands police reacted cautiously yesterday to the plan. Supt Philip Scriven, head of police in Balsall Heath, said that a change in the law would be needed.

things which are my father's

Asked by her counsel, Richard Hartley, QC, what she thought of her cross-examina-

tion on Monday by Mr Car-man she said: "I didn't like the

way the questions were asked.

I thought the implications

were clearly made to make me look bad or wicked or that I

was improper. I thought they

Richard Stott, who was edi-

tor of The People at the time

that the paper published the articles said that he considered

the story was one of "huge relevance" to his readers. At the beginning of September it was likely that Britain was

facing one of the gravest

military crises since the second

"It was on that basis and

against that background that

the story regarding Mr Mellor and his holiday was used. The

draw people's attention to the

fact that a minister of the

government had been on holi-

day for almost a month with

the daughter of a leading member of the PLO and that

in our view this was something that should undoubtedly be

told to readers."

personal feelings."

were hurtful."

He said that if prostitution was restricted to an industrial area, women working locally could still be molested by kerb crawlers and many prostitutes would resist having to work in a special area.

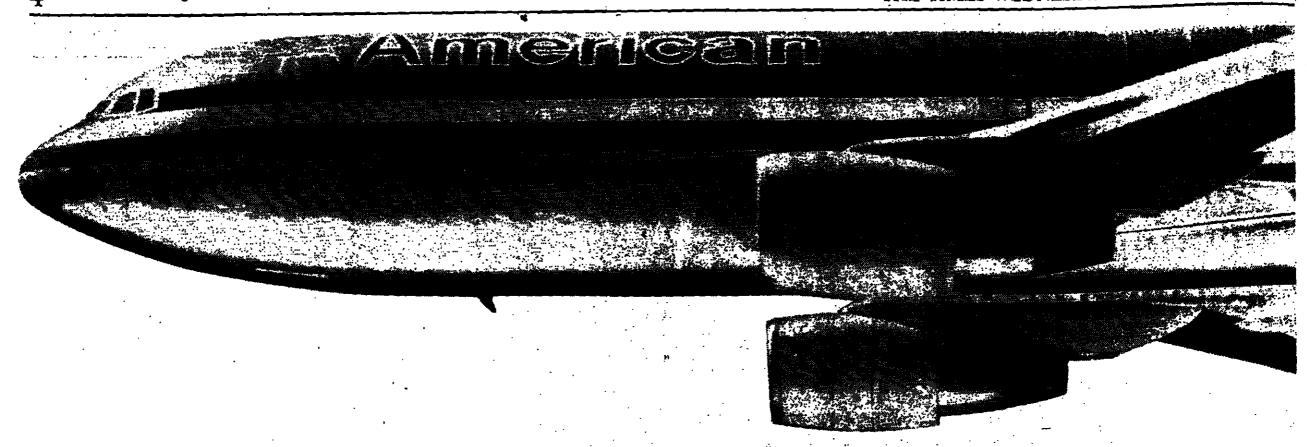
They would see it as a form of control that put them in some form of legitimate employment that would involve paying tax and national insurance. If you are earning between £1,000 and £1,200 a week tax free, as some of them are, they are not going to agree to that willingly.
"It would also be difficult to

remove girls from areas where they are accustomed to working." Nor would a special area solve the problem of underage prostitutes, girls operated by pimps or drug-related prostitution, he said.

the Liberal Democrat con-I ference in Harrogate yesterday called for an enquiry to consider whether brothels should be legalised and prostitution treated like any other other business (Robin Oakley writes).

' The conference urged the government to stop the fining of prostitutes, to concentrate police efforts on arresting pimps rather than prostitutes and to make the carrying of condoms inadmissible as evidence of prostitution. The conference rejected a Young Liberal Democrats amendment for the immediate legalisation of prostitution.

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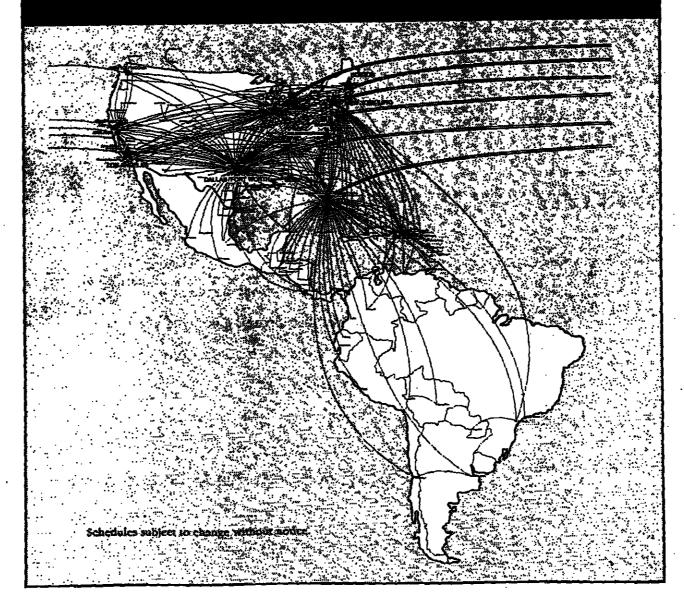
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Research team's work led to withdrawal of children's vaccines

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

DETECTIVE work by doctors and laboratory staff in Not-tingham led to the withdrawal sterday of two brands of MMR vaccine given to children to protect them against measies, mumps and rubella because of evidence that it can cause a mild form of

But doctors fear that a third brand of the MMR vaccine which is still considered safe may not give as effective protection against the diseases as the two that have been

Professor Kenneth Calman, chief medical officer at the health department, wrote to all doctors yesterday informing them that Pluserix-MMR, made by SmithKline Bee-cham and Immravax, made by Merieux were being re-placed with MMR-II, made by Merck Sharp & Dohme and distributed by Wellcome. The safety of MMR vaccine

has been monitored by the National Study of Meningo-Encephalopathy in Oxford since its introduction in October 1988. About 50 reports of viral meningitis after the vacci-nation had been received from more than four million children treated. "It was certainly not enough to take action on," Dr Aidan Macfarlane, director of public health at Oxford

health authority, said.

But paediatricians at Queen's Medical Centre, in Nottingham, ordered tests of the spinal fluid of all children admitted to Nottingham Health Authority hospitals after the vaccination to check for meningitis, which is a complication of mumps. The children had developed raised temperature, stiff neck, and sensitivity to light and had occasionally had convulsions about three weeks after

Laboratory staff found six cases over three years in which the spinal fluid did not look normal. It was sent to the virology lab, which identified mumps virus, later confirmed by genetic sequencing at the National Institute of Biological Standards in London as the Japanese Urabe strain,

identical to that in the withdrawn vaccines.

The Nottingham study suggested that viral meningitis after vaccination was more common than had been thought at one in 6,000, but the health department says the national figure is one in 11.000. Dr Richard Slack, a Nottingham authority consultant in communicable disease control, said: "We have been in some dispute with the department over that." The Nottingham researchers wanted to publish their find-

ings in the Lancet, which forced the government to act.
Doctors said yesterday that vaccine-induced viral meningitis was a rare, transient, mild illness, and was quite unlike bacterial meningitis, which could be fatal. All children affected had recovered.

The health department said that before the vaccine was introduced, mumps affected "nearly everyone" and one in 400 contracted a more severe form of mumps meningitis. Measies and rubella are also at record low levels since the vaccine was introduced.

Dr Calman advised doctors yesterday to continue giving the withdrawn vaccines, Pluserix and Immravax, which contain the Urabe strain of the mumps virus, until adequate supplies of the third vaccine MMR-II, which contains the Jeryl Lynn strain and has not been linked with any cases of meningitis, be-come available.

Dr Slack said there was "still a question" whether the Jeryl Lynn virus strain was as effective. The Urabe strain works very well. The nearer you get to the disease itself with the vaccination, the better the immunity. If you have got a vaccine that doesn't produce any reaction at all, is it as

good?"

The health department announcement of occasional cases of viral meningitis after some MMR types of injection have been confirmed illustrates the recent honesty of the department, which has delighted the medical professional but unwittingly

produced by spinach may

help protect people from some types of cancer, sci-

entists said yesterday.

They claim to have identi-

fied chemicals produced by certain plants including spinach which tests indi-

cate have powerful cancer

combating properties.

The research, details of

which were disclosed at a conference organised by the Institute of Food Re-

search, part of the Agricultural and Food Re-

search Council, in Nor-wich, is expected to spawn studies aimed at identify-

ing the genes in spinach responsible for producing

its anti-cancer agent. Kazuki Shinohara, the

scientist behind the dis-covery, said yesterday that, once identified, the genes

could be used to boost the production of the anti-

cancer chemicals in spinach. "With biotechnology it is possible to also put

these into other plants," said Dr Shinohara, of the

national food research in-

The work involved preparing large protein com-

paring large protein con-pounds from plants including spinach, brocco-li, burdock, cucumber, aubergine and green pep-pers. Some bacteria, Sal-monella typhimurium,

were then exposed to known cancer causing agents while others were

also exposed to the plant

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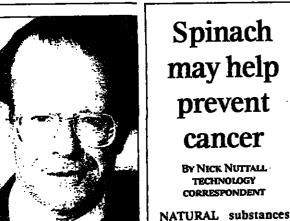
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Haines: Mirror had no option but to fire Davies

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Newsman angered **Mirror**

STAFF at the Daily Mimor would have "hanged" Nicho-las Davies, their former foreign editor, if he had not been sacked, an industrial tribunal in London was told

Joe Haines, former political editor, told the hearing that feelings were running high after allegations that he was after allegations that he was an Israeli spy and an arms dealer. He said that when a union representative was told of the sacking, he said: "Good. If he had come back here, we would have hanged him

Although no one at the Daily Mirror believed the spy and arms trade stories. Mr Davies allegedly put the news-paper's credibility at risk when he lied about a visit during which he met a dealer in Ohio, America, in 1985.

Mr Haines, former press officer for Harold Wilson, said that the Daily Mirror had no option but to fire Mr Davies. Commons motions had been tabled about his activities and other newspapers were calling him a liar. He had never believed accusations that Mr Davies had helped to sell arms lo Iran, been a Mossad agent or had helped Israelis to capture the nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu. He be-lieved Mr Davies had never

"sold a peashooter, let alone a star fighter F104".

Mr Davies, 55, was dismissed from his £55,000-a-year job last October, shortly before the death of the Daily Atimor's publisher, Robert Maxwell, He is claiming un-

The hearing continues.

alarmed millions of mothers (Dr Thomas Stutterford

All medicine is a balance of risk against benefit. Unfortu-nately, the announcement of the Chief Medical Officer did not make it clear that the danger after vaccination was only apparent for at the most five or six weeks. Tens of thousands of moth-

ers who had their children injected over the past year or two have been worried and have been calling their GPs. There is no danger and their children are protected against mumps measles and rubella and cannot at this stage have developed meningitis. The benefits of protection

against mumps, measles and rubella are so immense that mothers should not hesitate to ask for it. They should be relieved that they are spared erations whose children had to suffer the long-term conseonences of these diseases.



Winning ways: the Prince of Wales meets Eloise Edwards of Moss Side, Manchester, at the seventh Community Enterprise Scheme awards at Edipburgh castle yesterday. He paid tribute to the inspiration of ordinary people who, in spite of modest budgets, had managed to complete community-led building schemes that had improved their surroundings, often in areas of deprivation, with the help of professional advisers (Kerry Gill writes). Awards in the scheme,

which is sponsored by The Times, the Royal Institute of British Architects and Business in the Community, were made in nine categories with the most outstanding going to the Cornerstone
Garthdee Project in Aberdeen. The
project, which created purpose-built
homes for handicapped people, won the
Charles Douglas-Home Award. It was
the first time that the awards were held
outside London Polin Dean the outside London. Robin Dean, the scheme's administrator, said there had

been a deliberate decision to hold the ceremony in Scotland because of the huge support found there. It is hoped that next year the ceremony will take place at Cardiff castle. After the prince had viewed some of the winners, the Scottish Community Projects Fund was relaunched. The fund offers grants to voluntary and community groups who want professional help in producing a feasibility study for improvements to

Green hints misleading shoppers

By Alison Roberts

SHOPPERS are being misled by vague slogans making envi-ronmentally friendly claims for household products, psychologists have found.

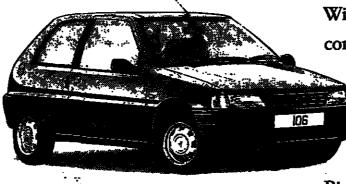
Green consumers remember environmental claims as more positive than they really are, and can be easily conned into misreading them, a team from the University of Hertfordshire will report today at a British Psychological Society conference in Hatfield.

recall wording on 15 products. In all 450 statements made, it was remembered as being more environmentally friendly than it was, especially when it could be easily misinterpret-ed. The words "Aluminium foil is recyclable" on packag-ing gave the impression that the foil had been recycled. Claims about packaging were

often attributed to its contents. Dr Jane Pierson, from the team, said: "Deodorant packaging might say 'Contains no CFCs which allegedly damage the environment and con-sumers will remember that as 'Contains nothing which will harm the ozone layer', which is

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Schools wake up to the advantages of an earlier timetable

SARAH Martin no longer dreads the long afternoons in the classroom. For Sarah, 12. afternoons mean fewer lessons and more time to play netball and hockey and to ride her horse.

"Everyone likes finishing lessons earlier," Richard Firth, 15, a fellow pupil at Willingdon School near Eastbourne, said. "You can get your homework done and be home in time to watch Neighbours. No one complains that much about getting up at seven o'clock."

Sarah and Richard are two of the 750 pupils at the school, which adopted a Continental timetable a year ago. Pupils start and finish earlier and schools use the "extra" hours at the end of the Schools converting to a Continental-style timetable claim better results from happier pupils, Kate Alderson reports

activities. Until now, the increasing introduction of the Continental-style day has been piecemeal, undirected by either Whitehall or education authorities. The experience of pupils, parents and head teachers so far suggests that the changes will become the routine of many more

Last night, Hammersmith and Fulham council. west London, was due to become the first authority in Britain to consider converting all its primary and secondary schools, teaching 13,000 pupils, to the earlier timetable and a four-term year with after-hours activities. It believes that the move, allowing more after-school activities. will give inner-city children a better education.

Tideway School, in Newhaven. East Sussex, pioneered the timetable change ten years ago. Ken Saxby, the headmaster, believes that the 8.10am start has improved the children's academic per-formance. "Our A, B and C grades in GCSEs and their equivalents have doubled dur-ing the period," he says. "Our civilised place now. There is less time wasted being bored and less time to hang around. "Afternoon lessons are

more productive, and the acitivities we offer are taken up by at least half of our 1,400 pupils. I also think that it's less dangerous for a child to walk to school in the dark on a winter morning than in the

Children at Tideway finish lessons at 2.15pm and can sing in the choir, play in one-of the two orchestras, join an engineering or public speaking club or do community work, among other activities, until 4pm.

Several schools in Somerset, East Sussex, Nottinghamshire, Merseyside and Hampshire have changed to the Technology Colleges start at 7.30am and offer a mixture of lessons and activities until

The education department said yesterday that timetable changes were a matter for individual schools to decide. Hammersmith and Fulham said that its plans would only go ahead if there was support from parents in a substantial majority of schools.

Some parents at Willingdon had initial reservations. Linda Thorpe, mother of Chris, 13, and Natalie, 11, said: "At first I was against the whole scheme, but now I have been won over. I can remember school and I didn't like it anywhere near as much as my children do now. Natalie goes to a dancing

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Enrichment activities (such as

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class on Friday and there's more time for me as well." Some teaching unions are less enthusiastic. The National Association of Sthoolmasters/Union of Women

14.00-16.00

Teachers is firmly opposed to the four-term year being pro-posed in Hammersmith and says that the Continental day must not lead to longer hours for teachers. The National

cerned that the four-term year would cause difficulties for school exam timetables, and that it could increase the numbers of "latchkey" child-ren with working parents. Schools that have the new timetable believe that they have countered this difficulty by providing teacher supervi-sion for children after lessons. even if they do not participate in the extra activities.

Joan Freeman, a psychologist and author of a book on childhood learning, said: "I think the continental timetable, with after-hours activities and supervision, is a step in the right direction. Early starts are a good thing because there is a lot of evidence that mornings are the time for remembering.

Head teachers seek 9% pay rise as reward for reforms

By John O'Leary, education correspondent

HEAD teachers yesterday submitted a claim for a 9 per cent pay rise as the government bluntly warned public sector employers about the consequences of high wage settlements.

Although less than the National Union of Teachers' 16.5 per cent claim, the heads' target is more than twice the rate of inflation. The case for the increase is based on the extra responsibilities imposed by the government's education

As details of the claim were announced, however, Nigel Forman, the higher education minister, spelt out the government's tough line on pay. He told polytechnic directors, in Edinburgh for their last conference: "Any irresponsible increase in salaries will lead not to an increase in exchequer

spending, but to a loss of jobs." Lecturers in the former polytechnics have turned down a pay offer of 4.65 per cent, and clerical staff have begun a series of strikes after rejecting a 4.3 per cent rise. Mr Forman said that both offers were reasonable, and reflected

productivity gains. In a speech obviously intended to dampen expectations throughout the education service, Mr Forman said: "Employers are recruiting in a buyer's market. Accordingly, they need to challenge the expectation that there will be annual increases in pay simply for delivering a given level of

He added: "The only prudent basis for an increase in pay is improvement in productivity and performance. It is in everyone's interest to ensure that any further pay increases are based on this principle."

Although teachers' pay will not be settled until their review body reports early next year, lecturers throughout the higher education system are now in dispute. The Association of University Teachers will meet the vice-chancellors shortly to decide whether to take legal action against John Patten, to remove his veto on a 7 per

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information may be obtained by

telephoning 071 629 0651.

cent pay increase. David Hart, the general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, acknowledged yes-terday that there would be similar pressures on pay in schools, but he said that it was 'futile" for ministers to try to hold down salaries artificially while piling on extra de-mands. "If the leaders of the profession are not paid salaries which equate with the size of their jobs, we will not recruit, retain or motivate those who must run the educa-

The 32,000-strong union said that its claim would mean the head of a typical primary school earning £27,746, with a secondary head receiving scholdeputy head would get E24,574, and a secondary deputy £32,239.

Mr Hart said that job

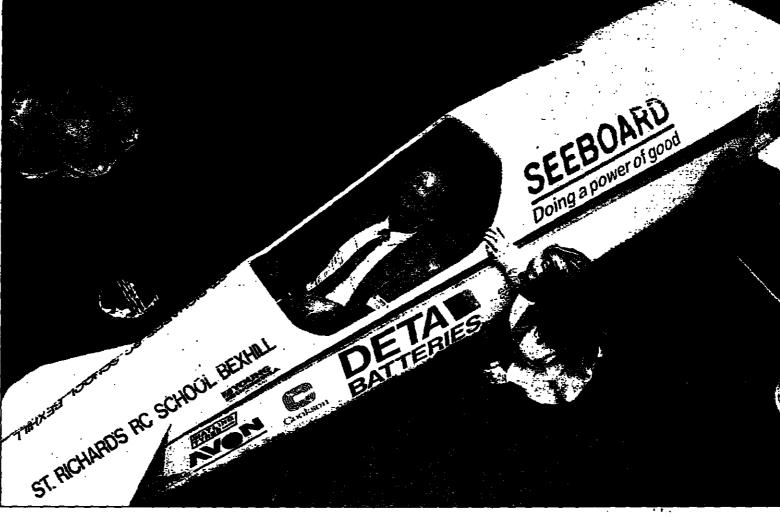
evaluation comparisons by a firm of management consultants had shown that heads and deputies were paid a minimum of 3.2 per cent less than comparable professionals. The 9 per cent claim represented the sum of this figure and the 5.8 per cent average rise predicted for industrial and service salaries in the year ending in April 1993. ☐ The polytechnic directors agreed at their conference to join their counterparts in the traditional universities, establishing a single representative body for the expanded univer-

sity sector. They will join the Commit-tee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals in October, subject to the vice-chancellors' agreement at their conference next week in Exeter, Devon.

☐ Kellie Darby, 16, was surprised when she received a letter from the prime minister's office containing two mistakes. It came to her home at West Ardsley. West York-shire, days after the government launched an inves-tigation into education standards. with special attention being paid to spelling and grammar. in the letter, from Mr Major's correspondence secretary. Kellie's surname was twice written with a small "d", not a

Kellie, who gained a B grade in English GCSE, said she was surprised that no one noticed the error before the letter was posted. Kellie, who had written to Mr Major about animal rights, said: "If we had not used capital letters at school we probably would have not passed our exams. It's a bit much after everything the government has been say-

A Downing Street spokesman apologised, saying that the mistakes were typing



"anchor" store to draw shop-

pers. Shop managers in the

complex criticised the develop-

ers. Alan Kaye, who owns two stores, said: "They started out with a blaze of publicity. But then this stopped and instead

of being upfront the manage

ment prefended everything

was wonderful. I hope the

new managers don't take the

Roger Carroll, for the devel-

opers, said: "There was a £60

million overrun on the £90

million contstruction plan and

centre downmarket."

Good little runner: Peter Fairhurst. technology teacher at St Richard's School, Bexhill, getting to grips yesterday with the machine that will try to break the 11-year-old world land cars. He is watched by pupils Vicky White, left, and Bella Harrison. The battery powered car, unveiled at the

Seeboard technology fair at Brighton, is sponsored by Lotus Engineering but is being designed and developed as a private venture with pupils at the East Sussex school as well as battery, Nuttall writes). The Lotus team, which helped to propel the pursuit cyclist Chris Boardman to an Olympic gold

medal in Barcelona on a lightweight. streamlined bicycle, believes that by using similar materials and skills the car could reach more than 120mph over a one-kilometre flying start to 1981 by Jens Knoblock of Germany. The decision to work with the school, whose effort is being co-ordinated by

Mr Fairburst, was made because several of the design team are former pupils of St Richard's or have family connections. The car will use a highpowered 45kw electric motor and of the car is planned for the middle of next month and an attempt on the

similar charge and was fined

Top shopping centre crashed because it was 'too upmarket'

BRITAIN'S most exclusive shopping centre collapsed with debts of £160 million because the developers chose the wrong place to attract affluent shoppers, the new

management said yesterday. The Galleria, a £200 million complex over the A1 (M) tunnel at Hatfield, Hertfordshire, which opened a year ago, has a string of exclusive, but empty, shops and went into receivership on Monday. The shops failed to attract enough people from north London and Hertfordshire and were too expensive for Harfield.

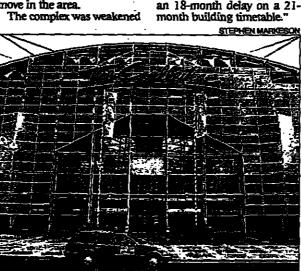
Geoff Foot, who manages the centre on behalf of the receivers. Grant. Thornton, said the concept of housing only upmarket stores had been a mistake. "We will identify the good and bad tenants and we will aim to bring in middlemarket stores."

The Galleria was the brain-child of the Carroli Develop-ment Group. A syndicate of banks called in the receivers because Al Galleria Investment Corporation could not meet its construction debts. Mr Foot said: "The complex

is obviously a victim of the recession. Retailers paid rent according to their trading levels and letting has been slow and well below the level needed to finance the debts." Roger Groom, group prop-Letters, page 15 erty director of Sears, which

A£160m complex failed to attract affluent buyers, writes Nicholas Watt

owns Miss Selfridge, Warehouse and Saxone, said: "Although the Al passes underneath the Galleria. Hatfield is not a destination." People were always on the move in the area.



Victim of recession: The Galleria shopping complex

Big workforce fall 'will hit economy'

By DAVID YOUNG

BRITAIN'S policymakers should start preparing now for a demographic "time-bomb" when the number of younger people in the national workforce drops and the children of the post-war baby boom become pensioners, according to the first of two major reports prepared for the Carnegie Enquiry into "The Third Age". The enquiry is conducting

ten major surveys into issues which will affect people aged 50 to 74. The work will be completed for the launch next spring of a campaign to highlight issues affecting the "third-agers". The first re-ports, published today, look at third-agers' role in the workplace and at pensions, savings and earnings.

The reports suggest that government, employers and the trades unions should look beyond the recession which is badly affecting third-agers. They say that unless attitudes and policies change then Britain's long-term recovery may be endangered by an increasingly inactive, but healthy and independent third-age population, under-utilised and a burden on those in work.

The report on employment says that never before has there been such a massive withdrawal from work by men

under 65, the retirement age, and shows that paid employment and earnings are crucial for saving money and providing the private or occupational pensions essential to sup-plement state benefits in old

age.
The report on incomes shows the enormous changes in the level and make-up of earnings and savings of thirdagers in the past 20 years. While gross earnings are up by about 40 per cent in real terms their share of income from earnings fell from 70 per cent in 1971 to about 57 per cent in 1989. The contribution of private pensions and investment income rose from 14 per cent of total income to

The reports, by the Institute for Fiscal Studies and the Public Finance Foundation. independent policy specialists, workers have investments and private pensions which are an increasingly important part of their income, others who left school at 15 or 16 and have no qualifications are trapped in a cycle of low-skilled work and unemployment.

☐ Income: Pensions. Earnings and Savings in the Third Age. Employment: The Role of Work in the Third Age. (Bailey Management Services, 127 Sandgate Road. Folkestone Kent, CT20 2BL £9.50.)

NEWS IN BRIEF

City forms litter link with China

Swansea City Council is to spend £2.700 sponsoring litter bins in China. The Labourrun council wants to promote the city by putting its logo on the bins in Nantong, its twin

Margaret Smith, a dissenting member of the committee that approved the spending, complained that the money should be spent on bins for Swansea, where she said the

streets were full of litter. Mel Edwards, the council's director of marketing, said: "Putting our name on rubbish bins will work because it will be seen by the people that matter international businessmen. It's great value."

Actress fined for smuggling

The actress Judy Came was fined £1,200 for smuggling cocaine by sending it in a parcei from America. The package, bound for a hairdressing salon in Northamptonshire. was intercepted by Customs. Carne, 53, of Church Brampton, Northamptonshire, who starred in the comedy show Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In. admitted smuggling. William Barratt. 44. a hairdresser, also of Church Brampton, admitted a

Punch verdict

Vincent Canon, 29, of Port-ishead, Avon, was cleared of manslaughter by Oxford Crown Court after punching a family friend. Alfred Thornhill, in a pub at Didcot, Oxfordshire. Mr Thornhill collapsed and died.

Speed trick

Avon and Somerset police are to put plastic patrol cars on motorway bridges to frighten motorists into slowing down. Further down the road will be a real patrol car to catch drivers who speed up again.

Murder charge

Trevor Thomas, 50, an ambulanceman, of Barking, east London, was remanded in custody by Barking magis-trates, accused of murdering his girl friend, Susan Oliver.

Gun threat

Police in Hull are hunning two men who pointed a gun at a boy aged 11 and ordered him to hand over his bicycle. They ran off after the boy refused.

Sailor returns

Peter Hancock, 62, bas returned to Southwold, Suffolk. after seven years of sailing sin-gle-handed around the world on his 26ft yacht Kylie.

Smoking ban

The coach company National Express is to ban smoking from November I. Nine out of ten passengers preferred smoke-free travel, the company said.

Baby treated

Katya Predtchenskaya, the Russian baby brought to Britain for a harelip operation. was said to be comfortable after surgery in Chepstow.

Secret brew

Scottish and Newcastle brewery hired a crane to right an overturned tanker at Tintwistle, Derbyshire, after refusing police requests to drain the prototype beer inside.

Victim buried

Helen Gome, 15, who was murdered six weeks ago in Horndean, Hampshire, will

Electricity firms plan to build power stations in forests

sympathetic restoration

BENTLEY and Co. the Bond Street Jewellers, are moving. Known for FOREST-based power stations turning wood into electricity and sixty years as the buyers and sellers of the loveliest jewellery they have become a landmark in Bond Street. Today at noon they throw open the doors of their new shop at 8 New Bond Street, a beautifully restored building dating from the reign of William IV and the perfect setting for their fine stock of antique jewellery, silver and pieces of timber operations. Fabergé. Their opening hours are 10,00 to 5.30 and further

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

large enough to provide fuel for a town are being planned by some of Britain's regional electricity compa-nies, it was disclosed yesterday. The stations, two of which are being actively considered for Thetford forest, Norfolk, and Keilder forest, Northumberland, would burn wastes generated by logging and

Paul Maryan, a wood energy expert at the Energy Technology Support Unit in Harwell, Oxford-

shire, and the organisation evaluating the schemes' economic and technical feasibility, said yesterday that the country could support several large forest-based power stations, including possibly two in Wales and in South-East England.

Scotland could support even more but this would require the government to extend the Non Fossil Fuel Obligation, a levy which supports environment-friendly energy schemes, north of the border. News of the schemes comes as delegates gathered yesterday at an International Energy Agency confe-rence in Emiskillen, Northern Ire-land, to plan the future for small.

farm-based, power stations also fuelied by wood and connected to the National Grid. Malcom Dawson, an official with the agriculture department, said that the United Kingdom's first gassification reactor would be unveiled at the local agricultural college in October where it would provide heat and

The 100kW power unit, designed by engineers at the University of Louvain, Belgium, turns coppiced willow and poplar directly into a mixture of hydrogen, carbon monoxide and methane to power a generator. It is claimed to be 85 to 90 per cent efficient. The scheme, to be evaluated by Energy Technology Support Unit over nine months, could realise the dream of a national network of farm-based mini-power stations which could help farmers' incomes, make better use of marginal land and conserve the countryside.

Instead of growing a crop which requires transportation in trucks. the farmers' coppleed harvest is exported into the grid down a farm's existing electricity cable. Privately some electricity companies fear such a network could be an administrative nightmare. Murray Carter, a Yorkshire farmer and spokesman for the wood develop-

ment energy group, yesterday rejected such suggestions. "We know from the wind power projects going through in this country and abroad that it is perfectly possible to have dispersed power generation connected to the grid," he said. Mr Dawson said the gassifier

evaluation was "very exciting ... this will be the proof of the pudding. If we can show it is technically and economically viable I believe we will have a real runner." Among the big wood power stations the one at Thetford could be up to 20MW. comparable to some conventional powerSEPTIMBLE

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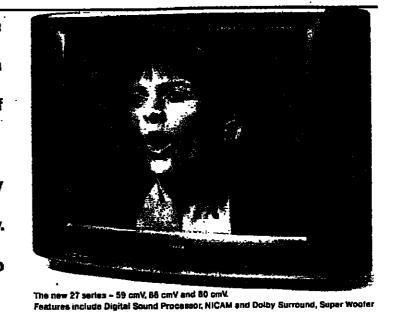
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Electoral pact fears split Lib Dems

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

SENIOR Liberal Democrats were divided as the party yesterday continued to agitate over the form and extent of any contacts it should have

with other parties.

Grassroots feeling against a pact has become clear, and several of the party's MPs appeared to be warning Paddy Ashdown not to rush towards any realignment, as it become clear that even like-minded Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs were not prepared to advocate any kind of

Although Mr Ashdown is ruling out formal pacts and insisting on no closer associ-ation with Labour until it has proved itself electable, his party clearly remains suspicious that he is keener than most on an eventual deal. The arguments are expected to flare up again today as the party debates its future strategy.

Charles Kennedy, the MP for Ross. Cromarty and Skye. told delegates in his presidential address that they must concentrate on building not a

pact but a party.
Agreeing with Mr Ashdown that the whole process of opposition politics had to be reformed before there was a chance of securing electoral reform, Mr Kennedy said that the task in Harrogate was "not to try and tie our feet in ribbons with some hypothetical, undeliverable political pact but to begin to articulate a distinct post-election stance".

He appeared to have a coded warning for his impetuous leader in insisting that they must get their thinking "calmly and

cautiously". The motion for today's debate rejects any nationwide pact but leaves the way open for local deals. Some MPs revealed their doubts about its call for the party to "promote a process of discussion which includes those, of all parties and of none, who believe that a fundamental change in the governance of Britain is the

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key to all other necessary While Mr Ashdown is supported by Jim Wallace, leader

of the Scottish party, and by Menzies Campbell, the defence spokesman, others fear a threat to the party's identity. Malcolm Bruce, MP for Gordon, who led his party in cooperation with Labour in the Scottish constitutional convention, told a fringe meeting yesterday that while he had no regrets, "Our radical agenda was compromised and we paid the electoral price". It had reinforced the Tory slogan that a vote for the Liberal Democrats was a vote for

At a fringe meeting on realignment. Sir David Steel, the former Liberal leader, and Frank Field, the Labour MP for Birkenhead, ruled out formal pacts but suggested that local parties could work together. Mr Field warned the Liberal Democrats not to work under the false impression that Labour was dying when it had increased its vote and its seats at the last two elections. Their preoccupation with elec-toral reform, he said, made them look to the electorate like a one-issue party.

☐ A group of party activists who support links with Labour

later tabled an amendment to today's conference motion. calling on the conference to welcome "the moves by members of the Labour party and others to help build a consensus for fair votes and other constitutional reforms. European unity and a sustainable

liberal economy". Leighton Andrews, one of the sponsors of the amendment. said: "Labour is moving in our direction on many issues and it is foolish to say we can't talk to them."

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Room for a view: Liberal Democrats listen to yesterday's debate on homelessness, during which Tory policies came under fierce attack

Homes quick fix ruled out

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

THE scale of Britain's housing problems persuaded Liberal Democrats yesterday that it was unrealistic to commit the party to a policy of eliminating homelessness within 12 months.

After the conference made clear that housing should be treated as a priority, Nigel Jones, MP for Cheltenham, promised a green paper at next May's conference.
Liberal Democrats con-

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demned Tory policies which, they said, had led to record levels of homeless families, young people on the streets. mortgage repossessions, and poor housing.

Opening the debate Alex
Carlile MP, leader of the

HOUSING TO said the party must expunge the disgrace and dishonour of burgeoning homelessness forced on Britain by Conservative governments. Among the options being considered by ministers during the public spending round, he said, were a £2 billion cut in the housing budget and a local govern-ment spending freeze.

The conference motion called on the government to allow councils to use house sale receipts to build more homes for rent: to launch an emergency strategy to end unintentional homelessness; and to pay housing benefit in advance to the jobless to help

them rent homes. John Smithson from Huddersfield asked the conference to go further but failed to win approval for a commitment of providing sufficient housing to eliminate homelessness within 12 months. He wanted to put teeth into the motion, he said, and a pledge from the party to

do something.
Francis David from Monmouth called for a policy of putting an increase of 1p on income tax to be devoted to

housing.
Baroness Seear disagreed. The electorate had said they supported the Liberal Democrats' policy at the last election of a 1p tax rise for education, but they had not backed it in the ballot box.

Delegates back fighter

AMID indications that Germany has persuaded Italy and Spain to pull out of the European fighter aircraft project, the Liberal Democrat conference yesterday unex-pectedly backed the defence secretary Malcolm Rifkind's commitment to the project

(Sheila Gunn writes). A few years ago it would have been unheard for Liberals to side with a Conservative government's plan to spend billions on a sophisticated new fighter plane.

Yesterday speakers from Avon, Lancashire and Edinburgh made successful pleas for support as jobs in their areas depend on the project. Although some representatives moved for a rethink of the pro-EFA stance, at the end of the day they were soundly

STORDEFENCE COM defeated. Menzies Campbell, the party's defence spokes-man, appeared to influence many waverers by a last-minute plea for full support to increase his authority to speak for the project in the Commons. He did not believe Germany's decision

Anne Smith from Fylde said it would economic folly for Britain to pull out of EFA and would jeopardise the jobs of 50,000 highly skilled employ-ees at British Aerospace in the region. Anthony Williams, chairman of Westminster North constituency party, described the pro-EFA mointerested and incoherent".

irrevocable.

BRIEFS Steel calls for 'new order'

Sir David Steel, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, yesterday con-demned Britain's "backward-looking" stance on foreign policy and called for a more positive approach in creating "a new world order"

Leathley writes).
Sir David deplored the reduction in the proportion of British wealth spent on overseas aid. He called on the government to reach the UN target of 0.7 per cent of GNP by the end of the current parliament.

His proposals included the establishment of new criteria by which the UN could challenge the sover-eignty of member states for human rights violations "We must move from UN peacekeeping forces to UN peacemaking forces."

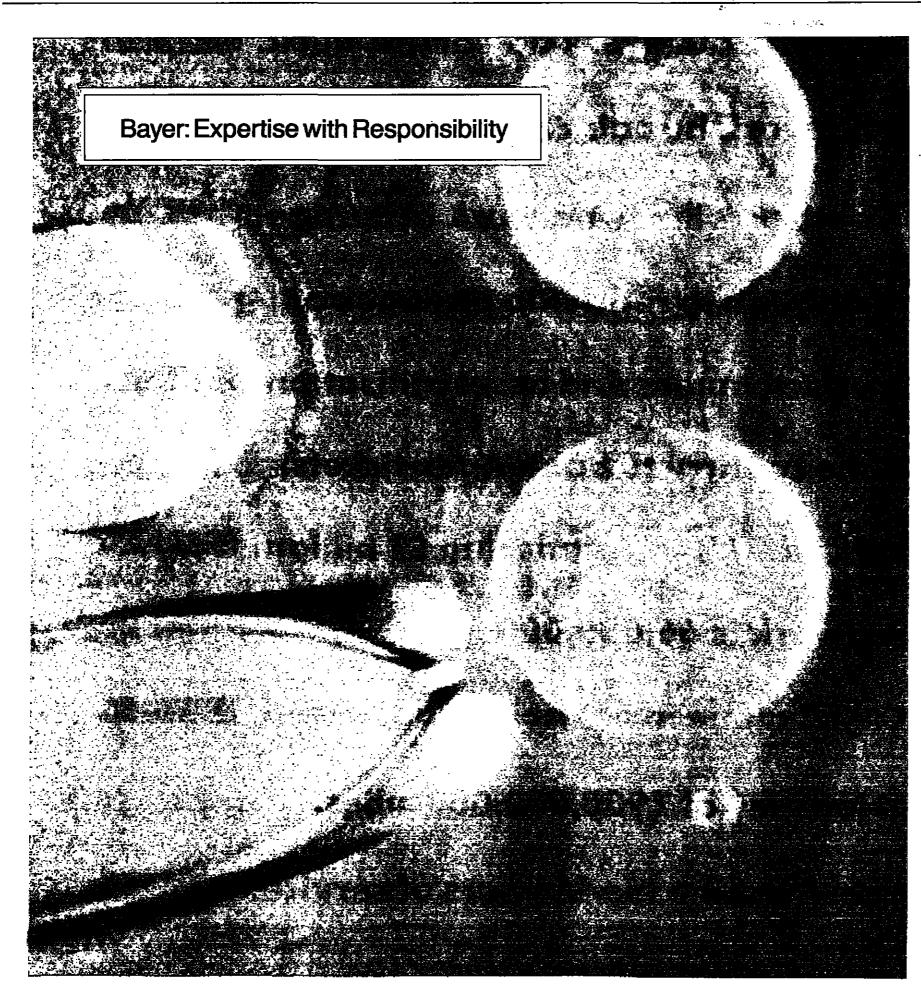
The proposals were contained in the party's green paper on international institutions. Beyond the Nation State. Although they were endorsed, several speakers opposed plans to include Japan as a permanent member of the sec urity council.

UN backed

The conference over whelmingly agreed to sup port the United Nations in striving to end capital pun ishment in all countries. also pressed for the death penalty to be abolished in Britain for the few crime for which it remains a per alty, such as high treaso and piracy, and for imm diate abolition in British dependencies.

'Hit list' plea A call for a "hit list" of win nable seats, with paid, full time permanent election agents was deferred. Tony Halmos, of the party's organisers and agents as sociation, said that agent

in high-profile seats should be given job security.



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sclerosis and rheumatism. But if molecular research opens up new horizons, it gives us a duty to act responsibly. That is why it is Bayer's declared policy not to engage in developments that pose ethical problems, such as genetic experiments on the human germ line.

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Centre right appeals for union

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lament for 'yes' vote THE lights may not yet be going out all over Europe, but you could sense the gloom

around the dinner tables in Vincennes as Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former president and ardent advocate of

the Community, rose to sound

his lament. "What image will France be giving the world if our country demolishes with its own hand 40 years' work constructed with patience, determination and courage?" M Giscard d'Estaing asked of 2,500 dig-nitaries and supporters of his opposition centre-right UDF grouping. He recalled how Konrad Adenauer, the late German chancellor, had described to him with tears in his eyes, his first meeting with De Gaulle in the days when

European political union was

little more than a pipe dream.
A "no" vote would turn back the clocks and mean that "we will not see a single European currency in our lifetimes ... We have to vote 'yes' to save the image of France," said M Giscard d'Estaing, speaking as the man who, in the 1970s, launched the European mone-tary system with Helmut Schmidt, then the West German chancellor, and started the summits later known as the European Council.

The occasion was the culmi-nation of M Giscard d'Es-taing's drive to rally France's political centre and right behind a "yes" in the Socialist president's referendum on Sunday. But everything about the well-mannered scene in the Parc Floral in the Bois de Vincennes, on the eastern edge of Paris, testified to the dialogue of the deaf which has characterised the campaign.

A sea of Hermes ties, Cartier watches and women with their hair up signalled a convoca-tion of the BCBG (bon chic bon genre) — the well-heeled Parisians who fill the upper ranks of the UDF. They are a force far removed from the rougher-hewn opponents of Maastricht, who have flocked



to the political extremes and to the "Three Musketeers," of the mainstream right, Charles Pasqua, Philippe Séguin and Philippe de Villiers.

"Did you see their show last Saturday? What a spectacle," asked a businessman, referring to the American-style rally attended by 6,000 hooting and cheering "no" voters.
"You'll find us far more reserved." His neighbour then interrogated the waiter loudly on his voting intentions.
"Yes, of course," the waiter said. "Good for you," the lady Allied by uncomfortable cir-

cumstance with the Mitterrand campaign, M Giscard d'Estaing's army stands for the enlightened classes which believe in Europe and are appalled at the populist campaigners who have harnessed the national resentment against Maastricht and are scenting victory. Commentators are likening the two sides to the Girondins and the Jacobins of the Revolution; the enlightened bourgeoisie against the champions of the all-powerful nation state.

"It's rather sad," said Jean-Luc Morlé vice-president of the Paris city council. "There is so much misunderstanding, so much extraneous nonsense is being brought into the decision. Even my mother says she can't understand the treaty and can't stand Mitterrand so she wants to vote "no". I've told her not to." M Morle's tone of resignation can be heard throughout the "yes" campaign among government

and opposition. At the next dinner table, Simone Veil, the

former president of the Euro-pean Parliament, spoke of what she saw as the destructive frenzy of the dissident Gaullists and M de Villiers, the UDF's own rogue campaigner. "They're like children kicking down sandcastles."

Europe, she said, is a fairy tale and "right now some evil fairies are hovering over Europe ... If the 'no' wins, nobody will be talking about Europe any more, but about the barries of centuries past." In the final days of the

campaign, with opinion polls banned, history has settled heavily over the Maastricht debate, pushing aside party point-scoring. For the anti-treaty "Jacobins", the survival of France is at stake. M Giscard d'Estaing has provided the most eloquent advocacy for Maastricht, arguing tire lessly that deeper union is the only way to rise above destruc-tive nationalism and ensure future glory for France.



Rallying the faithful: Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, leader of France's centre-right UDF party, addressing a pro-Maastricht rally in Vincennes yesterday

Amato woos union chiefs as lira falls

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE lira slumped again yesterday, only 48 hours after devaluation, as Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, was meeting with trade union leaders to try and defend his anti-inflation agreement.

The Bank of Italy was forced to sell marks on foreign exchange markets in renewed speculation two days after the 7 per cent devaluation of the embattled currency. The pressure on the lira followed unsubstantiated market rumours that Signor Amato had resigned, and appeared to confirm fears that Sunday's realignment may not have gone far enough, economists said. The lira was believed to be overvalued by about 25 per cent before the devaluation. In the senate, where parlia-

mentarians are to vote today on ratification of the Maastricht treaty, the fragile fourparty government coalition of Socialists, Christian Democrats. Social Democrats and Liberals suffered its first defeat on its economic programme. designed to slash the huge budget deficit. Rebels from the govern-

ment's ranks joined forces with former communists to pass by six votes an amend-

ment to a government bill introducing a new property tax. The amendment meant that the legislation will apply only to homeowners, not tenants. Last night, the upper chamber was expected to vote on approving a measure to reform the finance of Italy's "golden" pension system, the national health system, local government budgets and the pay structure of civil servants. The Socialist-led coalition

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expects to win today's vote or Maastricht, presented as a friendly gesture to President Mitterrand in advance of the French poll. The lower house will have to ratify the treaty as well before it becomes binding on Italy.

Signor Amato summoned leaders of the three trades union federations after one of them described the devaluation as a defeat for the government. Signor Amato is concerned that the unions may renege on an agreement reached in July, abolishing the system of indexed wages that had been a principal cause of inflation in Italy for 47 years.

Waigel defends intervention by Bundesbank

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

GROWING suggestions that the Bundesbank has compromised its fiercely guarded independence by becoming involved in a deal with the Kohl government and the European Community shocked German commentators yesterday.

In the European parlia-ment at Strasbourg, Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, denied that the Bundesbank had acted under political pressure in propping up the lira and shaving interest rates. The aim had been to stabilise the markets and be did not envisage a further realignment of the European monetary system. The Bundesbank had taken a "sov-

ereign decision". Many in Bonn, however, argue that the bank began to bow to political pressure as early as the rush to German unification, when against its better economic judgment it underwrote German monetary union at a level that Karl-Otto Pohl. who was then Bundesbank president, described as disastrous. The economic chaos flowing from unification has shown the bank's judgment to have been correct, so there is considerable concern now that, in surrendering to the politicians again, the bank's ability to protect the mark

has been compromised. The financial daily Handelsblatt said that it would be fatal if "the defenders of our currency" were suspected of receiving instructions from politicians. "It would damage the bank's reputation for maintaining stable policies and its credibility, which have in the past been above reproach." The paper said that the bank would face even more political pressure as European political and monetary union came closer. The bank must resist that, it said, to prevent "doubts running riot" about the independence of the European central bank.

Most newspapers seemed to think that the bank was no longer independent anyway. The Sudeutsche Zeitung was

convinced that the Bundesbank had surrendered, adding that anyone who seriously believed that a European central bank would be independent was "a hopeless optimist". Die Welt said: "This is a golden day for the stock markets, but a black day for the Bundesbank."

It has emerged that the Bundesbank tried last week to force the British government to lower the value of sterling in exchange for lower interest rates. Sources here say that the tiny, quarter-point cut in rates would have been higher if the pound had

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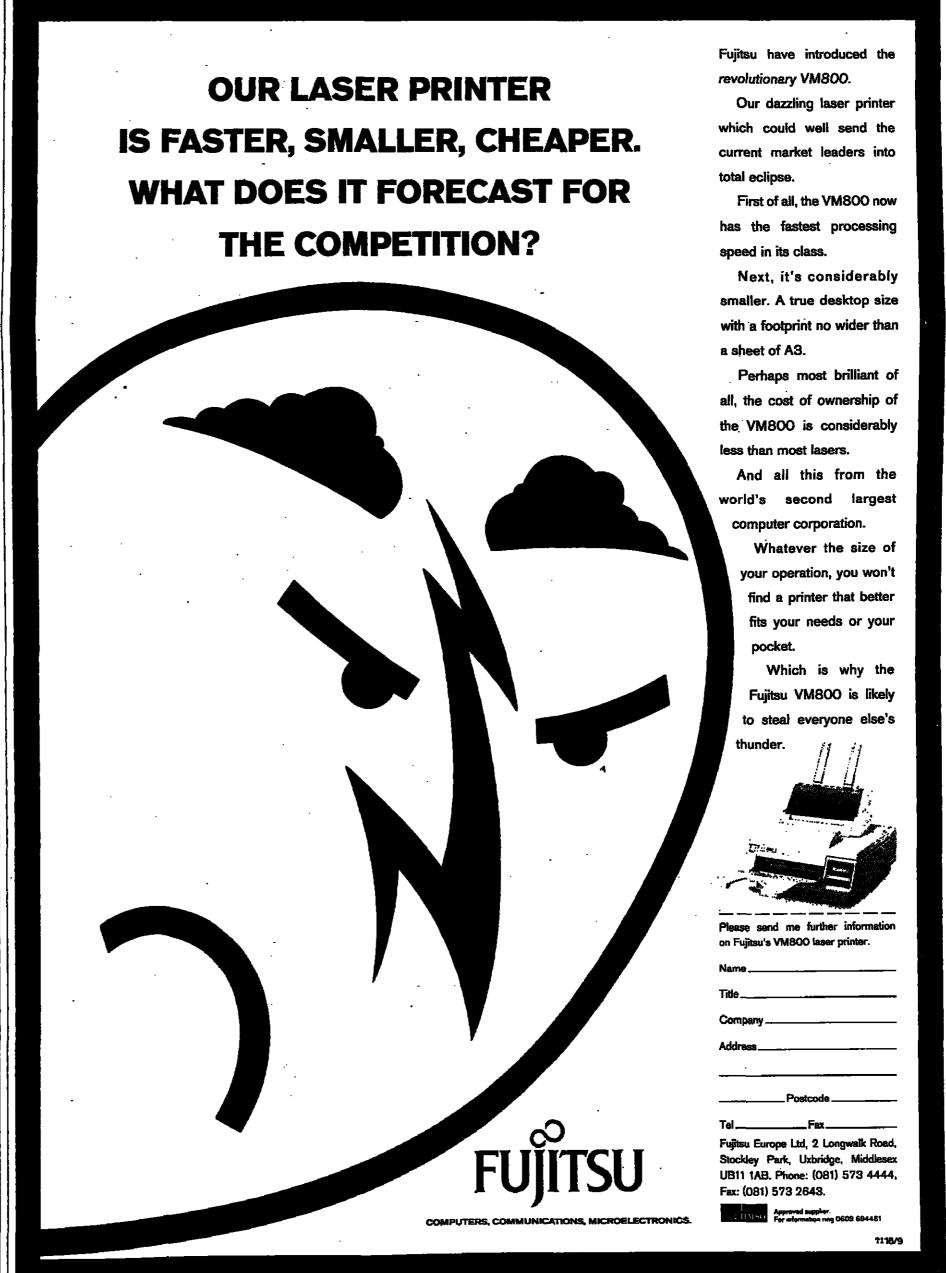
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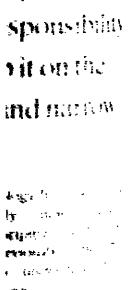
The independent central bank would also have liked to see the French franc included in a big realign-ment of the EMS. Had that happened, sources say, the hank was ready to slash rates by anything up to the two percentage points for which other members of the EMS have been calling. Informed sources here

say the idea was fleshed out during a secret meeting last Friday when Helmut Kohl. the chancellor, and Herr Waigel flew to Frankfurt to see Helmut Schlesinger, the bank president. Both sides were auxious for a deal. Herr Schlesinger had become alarmed at the vast amounts the bank was having to pump into the system in order to prop up the weak currencies. The chancellor and Herr Waigel, under pressure to persuade the bank to cut rates, said they were ready to use their influence inside the EC to force a realignment.

The fact that negotiations continued until the last minute is shown by the way in which the realignment was fixed through a series of telephone calls on Sunday, rather than by holding a special council in Brussels on the Saturday, the time-honoured method of fixing new EMS ex-

change rates.





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British units prepare for 'operation unknown' in Bosnia

THE mission of 1,800 British troops to be sent to Bosnia-Herzegovina next month as part of the United Nations protection force has been appropriately codenamed Operation Grapple. Although the Ministry of Defence says the code has no significance, the name aptly describes the challenge facing the British soldiers and their UN partners

There is an alarming sense operation. While this can be said of any operation in a war zone, the Bosnian mission is different, if not unique. The British troops are being sent with a restricted, peripheral role in Bosnia, yet they are armed with enough firepower

Senior British commanders involved in the planning of Operation Grapple admitted vesterday that there were risks and that the interpretation of the rules of engagement would have to be left to local commanders. However, the wording of the rules as set down by Boutros Boutros

WESTERN INTERVENTION

British commanders will be able to retaliate against attacking local militias, Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent, writes

Ghali, the UN secretary-general, will entitle the commander, if he sees fit, to order troops and armoured vehicles to leave the road used by arry convoy they are protecting and retaliate against local militia who attack or threaten to attack humanitarian relief lorries. Here lies the potential for grappling" with the enemy.

The UN reinforcements will consist of the British, 1,200 each from Canada and France and 400, possibly 800, from Spain. There will also be support elements from Denmark. Belgium. The Netherlands and Portugal, bringing the total to about 6,000. The British will be fully operational within 40 days.

The first task is to decide on

the concept of operations and the locations for the four national battalion groups. To this end, each contributing nation is to send a planning team to Zagreb for a meeting tomorrow with General Satish Nambiar, the Indian commander of the UN protection forces in Croatia and Bosnia.

The British team will be led by Brigadier David Jenkins. director of military operations, and Major-General Geoff Field, director-general of logis-tic policy (army). Senior defence ministry sources yes-terday underlined the importance of clarifying exactly what the soldiers on the ground will be expected to do and how they will be expected to react in

it is asked to guard by the UN

High Commissioner for Refugees, which hopes to be able to

expand its relief effort. The

troops will also escort freed

prisoners of war to safety if

asked to do so by the Red

Yesterday President Izet-

begovic of Bosnia agreed that

Haris Silajdzic, the republic's

foreign minister, would attend

peace talks in Geneva on Fri-

day, reversing an earlier deci-

sion not to send a Bosnian

government delegation while

Bosnian cities were under attack. But Ejup Ganic, a member of the Bosnian presi-

dency, said the move was

made under duress. Cyrus Vance, the UN peace envoy, on Monday issued a declara-

tion practically ordering the predominantly Muslim gov-

ernment to honour a promise

Yesterday Serb tanks were

reported to be razing houses in the Sarajevo suburb of Stup. Bosnian officials said yester-

day morning that 28 people had died in the city in the past

24 hours.

The UN security council resolution passed on Monday night omitted any reference to possible UN supervision of

heavy weapons in Bosnia and made only passing mention of

the ban on military flights

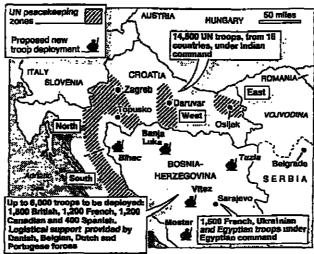
agreed at last month's London

conference. Diplomats say a

further security council resolu-

tion imposing a "no-fly zone"

to show up.



will be no repetition of the incident last week when French troops escorting a re-lief convoy were fired on by machineguns, and lost two of their number without making any move to seek out those responsible. The ministry sources said it was imperative that the British soldiers felt able to use their weapons in retaliation for an attack and to pre-empt an attack if one eemed imminent. This would include, they said, going after anyone who fired mortar shells on convoys from hidden locations.

The British soldiers will consist of the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment. strengthened by the 2nd Battalion war. Royal Irish Regiment, a At present there are no

nance Corps.
The Cheshires, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel Bob Stewart, are not going to Bosnia with a war establishment as was the case with the regiments deployed to the Gulf. However, the battalion group will be sufficiently well armed to pose a potent threat to any militia which tries to

squadron from 9/12 Lancers,

engineers from 35 Royal En-

gineers, who will be responsi-

ble for construction tasks and

clearing mines from convoy

routes, and logistic support

from the Royal Corps of

Transport and the Royal Ord-

prevent the troops carrying out their UN mandate. Apart from Warrior infantry fighting vehicles, which will be protected with Chobham armour and have 30mm cannons, the battle group will have Milan anti-tank missiles, 82mm mortars and Scimitar armoured reconnaissance vehides. Many of the Warriors were used by the Staffordshire Regiment during the Gulf

the planning team in Zagreb or the recce party, led by Colonel Stewart, which leaves for Bosnia next week, decide they are needed. Britain could provide Gazelles for reconnaissance and observation.

The ministry sources emphasised that the intention was not to blast a way through hostile areas but to rely on negotiation by the representatives of the UN High Commission for Refugees, who are responsible for planning the routes of the convoys and arranging access with the local

The second task which has been given the British soldiers is to provide protection for prisoners who are released. This was not part of the original concept and it is not yet clear how this will work. "A lot of detailed planning still has to be carried out," one ministry source said.

An effective command-andcontrol network is also crucial. The plan at present is for each of the contributing countries to be located in separate zones

with the individual battle groups under their national commanders, although responsible under the UN umbrella to a two-star general to be appointed for Bosnia, probably Frenchman General Philippe Morillon, and the overall General commander.

Ministry sources said the role to be played by British troops would be an evolving one. "New challenges will require new interpretations of the UN rules of engagement. This is a different type of mission and we will have to learn as we go along," one source said. Sources hinted they would like the British battle group to be based at Bihac, but this will have to be negotiated during the meeting in Zagreb.

The troops will fly to the area, but their equipment will be sent by sea; the whole operation will cost £40 million. The first year of deployment to Bosnja will cost up to £90 million. The Cheshires expect to be replaced after six

Peacekeepers will attack if gunmen thwart security role

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE United Nations force in Bosnia-Herzegovina will increase fivefold in the coming weeks after the security council voted to send up to 6,000 more troops to protect aid convoys and freed prisoners of

A resolution was adopted 12-0 late on Monday, with China, India and Zimbabwe abstaining. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, said the troops "would follow normal peacekeeping rules of engagement" and "would thus be authorised to use force in self-defence". He added: "It is to be noted that, in this context, self-defence is deemed to include situations in which armed persons attempt by force to prevent UN troops from carrying out their

India and Zimbabwe supported sending more troops, but abstained because of a

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the earlier authorisation of the use of force to get aid through

The bulk of the new troops

The new UN force will protect only those aid convoys

French general to lead UK troops

THE British troops sent to join the newly enlarged United Nations peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina will be placed under the Although details of the de-

ployment of the estimated 1.800 British troops have not vet been finalised, diplomats say that Major General Philippe Morillon, deputy head of the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) in the former Yugoslav republics, will assume command of all UN peacekeeping forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Working under General

Satish Nambiar, the Indian who is overall head of Unprofor in both Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia, General Morillon will organise the 6.000 new UN troops into four sectors to supplement the 1,500 UN moops already in Sarajevo General Morillon is an en-

gineer and tank officer who has spent much of his career in staff positions. He becomes the first French officer to command British troops sinceworld war. He was appointed commander of the first Armoured Division in 1989 and then, as general, appoint-ed chief of staff to the commanding general of the First

He made the headlines last week when he denounced the Bosnians for attacking his men. He called the attack "a clear provocation by people who are enormously upset by the possibility of peace and determined to remain at war".

When he has organised the four sectors, Britain, France, Spain and Canada will each assume responsibility for one of them, with Britain, the largest troop contributor, likehy to get the largest sector. Each country will deploy an infantry battalion group, including headquarters staff, two armoured reconnaissance companies, two armoured infantry companies, and an engineer sub-unit for route and mine clearance.

Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands and Portugal will contribute smaller numbers of support troops to the opera-

the war zone. Li Daoyu. China's ambassador, said the force risked plunging into armed conflict. Dr Boutros Ghali agreed to place the new troops under UN command after the eight European countries contributing troops agreed to pay for the new force, rather than making further demands on the UN peacekeeping budget.

will come from Britain, France, Canada and Spain, with smaller contingents from Belgium, Denmark, The Netherlands and Portugal. They will work in tandem with the 1,500 UN peacekeepers from Egypt, France and Ukraine already in Sarajevo.

reference in the resolution to

By James Bone



Morillon: following in the footsteps of Marshal Foch

tion, including a 500-man transport battalion with about 100 lorries, a medical evacuation team, a signals unit, an engineer bridging company and 80 military observers. Final details of the deploy-

ment are to be discussed this week in Zagreb with officials from the UN High Commission for Refugees, which will organise the convoys that the troops will protect. Once the UNHCR has defined the mission, military planning will begin in earnest. Western military officials have as yet no clear idea about how long it will take to deploy the new

The boundaries of the four zones have not yet been drawn, although the United Nations has mentioned Banja Luka. Bihac. Doboj. Gorazde. Mostar, Tuzla and Vitez as possible centres.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, has pro-posed that the expanded peacekeeping force in Bosnia-Herzegovina should have its headquarters in Sarajevo. However, some of the countries involved question the wisdom of placing the head-quarters in the war-torn Bosnian capital, which is under heavy shellfire and is often inaccessible to aircraft because of fighting. They would prefer the headquarters to be established near Bosnia's northern border with Croatia, part of which abuts an existing UN zone inside Croatia.

Desert Rats readied to boost **UN forces**

By MICHAEL EVANS

THE Cheshire Regiment, part of the Desert Rats 7th Armoured Brigade, will form the core of the 1,800-man battalion group to be dis-patched from Germany to Bosnia-Herzegovina. The battalion group will boost the United Nations military presence guarding humanitarian relief convoys to Sarajevo and

other towns under siege. Based at Fallingbostel in northern Germany, the regi-ment whose motto is "I Serve" has been on standby for deployment since John Major announced last month that Britain was to send up to 1,800 troops for UN duties. The regiment's strength is 650 men and its role is to act

as armoured infantry.
The regiment, which has a

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300-year history, is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Bob been equipped with Warrior infantry fighting vehicles, armed with 30mm cannon, and is new to the armoured infantry role. Eight months ago, it was based in Chester as a general purpose unit equipped with Land Rovers and other wheeled vehicles. It then went to Germany and took over the armoured infantry role from The Staffordshire Regiment. Since being put on standby for duty in the Yugoslav conflict, the regiment has been training to act as armed

is likely.

Britain, France and Bel-Lt Col Stewart is due to fly gium plan to challenge the right of the Serb-led rump next week as head of a reconnaissance party of 12 to examine routes for the convoys state in Belgrade to take Yugoslavia's seat at the United Nations. The resolution would and survey the location where leave the Yugoslav seat empty. his troops will be based. The but would not expel the Bel-Sandhurst-trained commander is regarded as an erudite man and is highly respected. Married with two children, Lt grade authorities from the United Nations. The European nations hope thus to avert a Russian veto. Col Stewart, 43, served as • Peking: Milan Panic, the military attaché to the Nato prime minister of the rump of military committee in Brussels lugoslavia, said here yesterbefore becoming commander day that China had agreed to of the Cheshire Regiment in send his country humanitar-March last year. He has also ian aid. He was hoping it served as a platoon commandwould also agree to send oil for er with the Cheshires in Bahheating homes and hospitals. rain, Malaya, Berlin and

British troops to go, page 1 Leading article, page 15 The Cheshire Regiment, teamed with the other ele-

Northern Ireland.



ments of the battalion group, has been rehearsing for its new role as armed convoy escorts at the Sennelager computerised command training system. The regiment has previously served several tours in Northern Ireland and its experience of south Armagh's "bandit country" will prove an advantage in Bosnia, where the soldiers will have to confront local warlords.

The regiment was first formed as the Duke of Norfolk's Regiment in 1689. It is claimed that the Cheshires saved King George II from being captured by the French

at Dettingen in 1743 by protecting him under an oak tree. The regimental badge, an acom and oak leaf, dates from then. The king is said to have plucked a twig from the tree and handed it to the soldiers, asking them to wear the emblem in memory of their gallant conduct.

The Cheshires were also part of the force engaged to quell the Boxer rebellion in Peking before seeing action in the Boer war. It also served in the great campaigns of the two world wars. During the first world war it took part in the battle of Mons in 1914 and

gained honours in almost every theatre of operations from Flanders to Palestine. The second world war desert campaigns in North Africa earned it the Desert Rat sobriquet as it fought Rommel and then took part in the invasion of Italy.

The Cheshires are due to be amalgamated with The Staffordshire Regiment next year under the government's "Op-tions for Change" defence cuts. The regiment's home base at Dale Barracks was built in 1988; that was the first time the soldiers were based in

Milosevic plots the downfall of Panic

FROM DESSA TREVISAN AND TIM JUDAH

MILAN Panic, the exuberant, Serbian-American millionaire prime minister of the rump Yugoslavia, has overtaken Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president, in opinion-poll ratings. But while Mr Panic. now in Peking is seeking signs of international support. Mr Milosevic has launched a scheme he hopes will lead to his opponent's downfall.

Under the constitution of the Yugoslavia of only Serbia and Montenegro, power has shifted from republican presidents to the federal prime minister. By resuming his role as leader of the Socialist party. Mr Milosevic could take over Mr Panic's position if the party remains the largest in

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parliament after November's general elections.

Regional branches of the recently begun clamouring for Mr Milosevic to become party president again. He gave up the job because the constitu-tion forbids the Serbian president from simultaneously holding other posts.

In an attempt to counter Mr Panic's growing popular sup-port, the Serbian government has decreed that, while sanctions are in force, workers cannot be sacked, which has led to a struggle for the mint. The government has printed millions in worthless money to pay workers who have no work; Mr Panic argues that he cannot run the economy without control of the money

supply.

Mr Panic, who became prime minister only two months ago and has no political organisation of his own. has signalled that he would be prepared to lead Serbia's quarrelsome opposition in November if asked. Vesna Pesic, the leader of one small party, has called on the rest of the opposition to accept Mr Pan-

ic's challenge. Western policymakers cannot lift sanctions without re-sults to show for their imposition and cannot apply new ones without undermining the prime minister.

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Danger hides in border town half at peace, half at war

THE people of this surpris-ingly attractive industrial town perched on the border of Croatia and Bosnia believe the United Nations have forgotten them.

Just like Sarajevo, Sla-vonski Brod is shelled every day, on average once an hour by Serbian gunners located about three miles to the south, across the Sava river in occupied Bosnia. It is also subject to intermittent tank fire and air raids.

Yesterday at eight minutes to two precisely, the crump of heavy artillery announced the latest salvo directed at the centre of the town where scores of shops, homes and offices have been wrecked. The hospital reports that at least 70 people, including 25 children, have been killed in the city since March and hundreds more wounded. At the Croatian information centre, where staff await the arrival of iournalists travelling the deserted highway from Zagreb, we crouched

BEHIND THE LINES

Citizens say the West forgot northern Bosnia, Edward -Gorman writes in Slavonski Brod

under the table as the charges exploded near by. The majority Croatian community and the Serb minority here do not understand why UN monitoring arrangements, now in place in Sarajevo, Jajce and Bihac, do not include Slavonski Brod, the Croatian town that is being attacked more than any other.

Frano Piplovic, the president of the town council, has been forced to move his offices out to a nearby village. He believes that the UN and the international community generally have been tricked -principally by Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president — into ignoring the war in northern Bosnia and in this border area to concentrate instead on the siege of Sarajevo. "The EC and the UN have been set up by Milosevic's trap," he said. "Nobody knows about the massacres of Bosnia and Herzegovina in towns like Tuzla, Banja Luka and close to Sarajevo."

One reason why Slavonski Brod has been forgotten is because it is not cut off from its Croatian hinterland and thus cannot claim to be fully under siege. Nevertheless, it is an eerie place, half at war and half at peace. "You think it is so wonderful and peaceful," said Sonja Lukic, aged 26, whose husband is fighting at the front. "And then you hear some shooting and

it reminds you that you are in the middle of the war." At the Arcade Bar, opposite the hospital, the windows are boarded and covered by sandbags, but inside it, business is booming. Dire Straits and Cher's latest album take turns on the music system that plays loud enough to

obscure the sound of incom-

ing artillery fire.

The customers include wounded soldiers with bandages around their heads gingerly sipping orange juice, exhausted fighters just back from the front, and the youth of Slavonski Brod who have elected not to fight, dressed for peace in Hawaiian shirts and jeans. Vinko Barisic, 26, the manager, sporting an ear ring and a slicked hairstyle, is one of those who has no interest in taking part in the killing. "War is for primitive people," he said. "War does

not make sense." The outlook for Slavonski Brod is bleak. Nobody be-lieves that its ordeal will end

soon. Ivan Balen, the director of the hospital where 13 new patients arrive in the basement operating theatre every day, believes that the fighting could last for up to three years. "I do not see any possibility to end this," he said. "I do not know how it could happen because the Serbs are so strong and they have so much equipment." • Geneva: The International Committee of the Red Cross

evacuated 68 sick and wounded former inmates of two notorious Serb-run camps in Bosnia-Herzegovina and flew them to Britain for hospital care. Virtually all

goslav republic now mostly controlled by Serb rebels, a Red Cross spokesman,

Claude Voillat, said. Co-operation by all sides in the Bosnian war made the evacuation possible, the Red Cross said. It followed their agreement in London last month on the unconditional release of all civilian detainees

were Slavic Muslim civilians.

rounded up as part of "ethnic

cleansing in the former Yu-

The Swiss-run committee. which acts as an intermediary in war, said it regarded the operation as "the first step in this release process". The agency said it still has not received full details on camp locations and prisoner lists from the three sides.

The prisoners were held at the Manjaca and Trnopolje camps in northwestern Bosnia. M Voillat said. But the spokesman had no details on their ailments although he said there were several "seri-

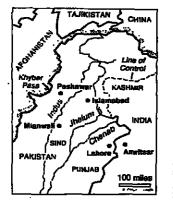
Pakistan cities put on alert as flood waters hurtle south

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN ISLAMABAD AND ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

SIX hundred thousand people in the city of Sukkur in Pakistan's Sind province. where flood waters are expected to sweep through tomorrow, have been put on alert for evacuation. The government has already rescued half a million people from other

The Jhelum and Chenab rivers are cascading south after days of torrential rain, wreaking destruction along the way. They merge into the Indus in southern Punjab, and huge waves of water are expected to reach there simulraneously. Meteorologists have said a 60ft wall of water could devastate the area. The cities of Larkana and Dadu are also on alert. A state of emergency has been declared throughout Sind.

The army has deployed 50,000 troops on engineering schemes, mostly involving the breaching of river banks to spread the flood waters around. Farmers, whose crops



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From Michael Hamlyn IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, sounding much more moderate than of late in an interview, has called on "pull South Africa from the

Mr Mandela urges President de Klerk to compromise by agreeing to a summit meeting in spite of the deaths at Bisho last week. Mr Mandela expresses his deep anxiety over the South African economy, saying: "We want to break the deadlock because if we don't, I fear that the economy is going to be so destroyed; that when a democratic government comes into power it will not be able to solve it.

Just three months ago the ANC president told his policymaking conference that the economy was already in such bad shape that nothing the ANC could do in the way of mass action could damage it further. He told The Star in Johannesburg, that he had been frightened into changing his mind by a "well-considered statement" from Derek Keys, the South African fihave been ruined are furious. saying that they have been sacrified to save cities like Sukkur and Multan in southem Punjab. Yesterday, more than 500 villages were inundated in Multan district, and several others washed away.

There are fears that a barrage in Sukkur, built by the British in 1932, could be swept aside, devastating Pakistan's most fertile farmlands. The barrage irrigates 215 million acres and is vital to the country's economy.

The death toll in Pakistan-

ruled Azad (Free) Kashmir, the Northwest Frontier Prov-ince, and Punjab, is believed to be more than 2,000 and still rising. More than 300 villages along the banks of the Indus have been evacuated. This is the worst flooding in

the country's recorded history.

Azad Kashmir has borne the brunt of the devastation, with not a bridge still standing nor a road intact. Rivers continue to burst their banks, creating havoc as the deluge

moves through the country.

On the Indian side of Kashmir, thousands of people are stranded because bridges there, too, have been destroyed and the death toll is rising. Monsoon clouds last night threatened more rain on both sides of the border.

The Pakistan government has been widely accused of incompetence in its handling of the crisis so far. Some politicians claim the BBC World Service had issued flood warnings three days before the official radio and television stations warned of the dangers. A newsreader who hinted at an official coverup of the blunders is said to have been removed from his job. President Ishaq Khan has alled the flooding a national

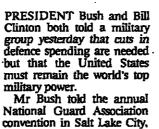
A village on an island in the Jhelum river in Kashmir was swept away, killing most of the 480 inhabitants. Islamabad, the capital, and the neighbouring city of Rawalpindi have been battered severely.

The devastating impact of the floods in Punjab, even if it got no worse, is already an networks are threatened, posing grave damage to crops and people. Punjab, the most populous and richest of the provinces, is the breadbasket of Pakistan. The Punjab flood relief commission said that 900,000 acres of cotton had been destroyed, and about 50,000 acres of maize, 400,000 acres of rice and 45.000 acres of vegetables severely affected. Government agencies have estimated that at least two million acres of cropland had been damaged

up to Monday night. Relief camps have been established and the Pakistan air force is dropping supplies to standed villages. The floods could have a serious politial fallout for Mian Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, whose popularity has been plunging. Benazir Bhutto, the opposition leader, who has been staging a comeback two years after being ousted from power. accused the government of criminal negligence.



Defence spending cuts are put under election spotlight



Utah, that as long as he is president the American armed forces will remain "the best trained, best led, best equipped fighting forces in the world". He said that the world remained a dangerous place. The "Russian bear" may be gone, but threats remained. He criticised his rival, Bill fence cuts of \$60 billion (£31.7 billion) more than his own.



"didn't come here" to attack Mr Clinton for avoiding the Vietnam draft 23 years ago, but questions about Mr Clinton's draft status mattered to because "we can never forget that we ask our president to lead the military. Mr Bush spoke of his experience

The president added that he **Peking boycotts Middle** East arms control talks

By David Watts, diplomatic correspondent

will boycott multilateral talks on Middle East arms control. If it implements its decision - a response to American plans to sell jet fighters to Taiwan — increased Chinese

CHINA has announced that it

arms sales to Iran could be the President Bush's decision to change a long-standing policy of not arming opponents of Peking has enraged the Chinese leadership because for the first time it would give the Nationalist Chinese air force the capability of delivering nuclear weapons. The Ameri-

cans argue that a Chinese

order for Russian-made Sukhoi Su27 Flanker jet fighters justifies the presidential decision that came in response to Mr Bush's flagging fortunes in Texas where the 150

F16 jets will be made.

Lawrence Eagleburger, acting US Secretary of State, said: "I think they ought to be very cautious about how they react Ito the Taiwan salel because they are, after all, involved in what is a pretty complicated international process and they need to understand that there are consequences to them as well as to everybody else if they react badly.

Lima rebel's arrest FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN LIMA as a pilot during the second world war and as commander

IN THE sprawling shanty towns that surround Lima, the news that Abimael Guzmán, the brutal leader of the Sendero Luminoso (shining path) communist guerrillas, now languishes in jail has prompted a variety of reactions: fear of retaliation by the insurgents mixed with cautious relief.

Some simply do not believe that, after more than 12 years of violence and the death of about 27,000 people, Latin America's most feared terrorist is finally behind bars.

In Villa El Salvador, a shanty town on the edge of Lima. Valentin is convinced that the corpulent, bearded figure being paraded shirtless on Peruvian television is not Guzmán, 57. but a police stooge. "He would never submit to this indignity." Valentin maintains before changing tack abruptly. "Maybe he is

drugged. Yes, they probably drugged him." The confusion reflects the



Guzmán: captured leader

mythical aura, part fear, part admiration, that has built up around the shining path leader. Even now, shambolic and blinking under the police cameras, self-styled "president Gonzalo", the Maoist fanatic and former philosophy professor, evokes terror in many Peruvians because of his pow-

President Fujimori told a news conference yesterday that he would consider executing Guzman. "We must listen to what the public demands." he said.

In recent years, poverty-striken neighbourhood such as Villa El Salvador have nist insurgency in Peru, in line with Maoist revolutionary ideology. More than half of the 293 terrorist attacks that took place in July occurred in Lima and, according to the police the shining path central committee recently transferred its centre of operation from the Andean Highlands to the Lima suburbs, a move that proved disastrous when 14 members of the group, including Guzman and other key leaders, were arrested here on

"Most people here are re-lieved that Guzman has been captured," a Western human rights worker who has worked in Lima's shanty towns said. "but they can't take any

Saturday night.

"There will be violence," a young woman said, "much violence." That is a view shared by most people in Peru. including politicians who have repeatedly warned of probable retaliation by the wounded **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Governor briefs Major

London: Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, yes-terday outlined his plans for the future of the colony to John Major (David Watts writes).

Mr Patten is believed to have discussed the electoral system and the British response today to Chinese proposals for the financing of the new airport, which is expected to cost more than £11 billion. Mr Patten is already on record as wanting to advance the cause of democracy, much to the dislike of Peking.

"It is well known that we are Hong Kong. That is already happening and it is written into the basic laws as well." Mr Patten said. He is scheduled to make a policy address to the colony's legislature on October 7.

Kohl attack

Bonn: Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, strongly condemned skinhead gangs and those who clapped and cheered as they beat up foreigners. "They are a disgrace for our country, and that is how the vast majority of Germans feel." he said.

Nuclear barrier

Panmunjom: Chung Won Shik. South Korea's prime minister, told North Korea that relations between them cannot progress unless nuclear disputes are resolved. His speech pointed up the South's pessimism about this week's bilateral talks. (AP)

Army orders

Peking: China's army, which killed hundreds of unarmed civilians when it opened fire on demonstrators here in 1989, has ordered that any future unrest should be stopped with minimum force. Warnings and baton charges are to be used first.

Pact agreed

Istanbul: Ismet Sezgin. the Turkish interior minister, returned from Tehran with an Iranian promise of co-operation in the fight against Kurdish separatists. In exchange. Ankara will be expected to curb the activities of Iranian

KGB 'smear'

Moscow: Kazimiera Prunskiene, the former prime minister of Lithuania, rejected a court finding that she had been an agent of the KGB. Mrs Prunskiene said the charge was part of a rightwing smear campaign ahead of next month's elections.

Children saved

Dhaka: Bangladeshi police detained a woman who works in Dubai when she tried to board an aircraft with two children who were to be sold as camel jockeys in the Middle East. Eight other children were freed and six other people detained. (Reuter)

Looters raise Somalia's starvation toll

FROM SAM KILEY IN BAIDERA

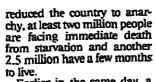
A GROUP of starving Soma-lis gathered to stare indifferently at the corpse of one of their Raha Weyn tribesmen who had collapsed and perished in the dust outside the small hospital run by one doctor in Baidera, the headquarters of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, Somalia's

leading warlord.

Who is going to bury this man?" they were asked. An onlooker so starved he could hardly stand waved an unsteady hand to a group of gunmen gathered outside the building used as a store for the United Nations Children's Fund which supplies the hospital with porridge to feed its patients. "Those men should be doing it but they are busy." he said.

The gunmen were fit and healthy teenagers toting a variety of machineguns. Some of them, arrogantly slouched over the barrel of a 106mm pack howitzer mounted on a Jeep, were helping themselves to a dozen sacks of the Unicef porridge intended to save the vast number of children at death's door.

The scenario is typical of Somalia where, because of the 20-month civil war that has



Earlier in the same day, a lorry was carrying food supplied by the International Committee of the Red Cross and intended for a remote village near the western town of Baidoa. A group of about 50 gunmen armed with RPG-7 anti-tank rockets languidly looted the truck, thereby ensuring the deaths of perhaps a couple of hundred more people. In Baidoa, about 400 die every day. General Aidid, leader of a

coalition of four armies known as the Somali National Alliance, insisted during an interview in a huxuriously appointed house in Baidera that aid agencies could distribute food safely in the country and that the lootings were "isolated incidents carried out

by uncontrolled elements". But the only armed men in Baidoa and Baidera are his men. The United Nations Security Council is intending to send 3,000 troops to protect humanitarian relief operations and put an end to the ence from the UN."



grand theft of food; but they cannot do so without the agreement of the various warlords who are both profiting from the Somali holocaust and by so doing ensuring that it will continue until there are no Somalis left to feed.
"We do not need any more

soldiers from the UN (in addition to 500 Pakistanis, the first of whom arrived this week to control the capital's port and airport). We have an excellent and well trained police force and we can ensure security with our own people." said the general, a slightly overweight 56-year-old. "Somalia is a sovereign nation and we do not want interfer-

Like his arch-enemy and fellow member of the Habre Gedir clan, Ali Mahdi Muhammad, who occupies one suburb of the capital, Mogadishu, but claims to be Somalia's president, General Aidid is incapable of controlling his own gunmen who rape and steal wherever they go and constantly harass aid workers. The guards he supplied to protect Raja Giopala Krishnan, Care International's Indian head of food distribution, helped themselves to three barrels of diesel and gave it to 40 gunmen. They abandoned the general and headed for the port of Kismayu where, they had heard, the picking were richer.

They had no right to do that." said the general, who had no way of stopping them. All the warlords of Somalia cling to the trappings of office. The country must have half a dozen "foreign ministers" and General Aidid is planning to set up a visa office "to end free

access to the country". • London: Britain said yesterday that it will provide an extra £7.5 million in aid for Somalia, bringing its total contribution to the country to £24 million this year. Lynda Chalker, overseas aid minister, announced the increase.

Japanese tune in as favourite son pioneers science in space

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO the other 123 million Japa-

Residents of the tiny fishing community of Yoichi on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido are proud to announce that they have finally made their mark on the universe Mamoru Mori, Yoichi's most famous son, has become the first Japanese to fly on a US space mission, and the second Japanese astronaut ever to achieve lift-off.

in chief during the Gulf war,

saying he thought he was

better qualified to lead the

Mr Clinton made no men-

tion of the draft issue. He said

that if elected he would make

sure the country had the

strength and resolve to ensure

victory in any conflict. He

echoed Mr Bush's line that,

although the former Soviet

Union was no longer a threat,

unpredictable threats remained, mentioning Presi-

dent Saddam Hussein of Iraq,

terrorism, regional clashes,

and nuclear proliferation. He

cut proposals, saying that they

were only 5 per cent more

than the president's proposals.

man who dropped out of the

presidential race, said yester-

day that the economic strate-

gies offered by both cand-idates were not specific enough and urged them to

present "hard plans that people will buy". He added: "The thing they always under-

estimate is how smart the

American people are. The

American people understand

what is going on. They under-

A Washington Post-ABC News poll published yesterday

indicated that one in six voters

would cast their ballots for Mr

Perot even though he sus-

pended his campaign in July.

The figures were Mr Clinton,

45 per cent; President Bush.

33 per cent; and Mr Perot, 16

per cent. Without Mr Perot as

a choice, the figures were Mr

Clinton, 54 per cent and Mr Bush 39 per cent.

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Ross Perot, the business-

defended his larger defe

nation at times of crisis.

Ever since Mr Mori took off from Cape Canaveral on Saturday aboard the space shuttle Endeavour, Japan has been treated to a blow by blow account of his every sneeze, scratch and swallow. On Monday pundits pro-nounced on his blinking frequency and yesterday discussed his choice of breakfast, prompting anguished discussion on commuter trains over whether his much-televised face had be-

come a little bloated. But Japan was relieved on Monday when Mr Mori made a telephone call to his wife and three children - and nese listening in "Hello Akiko, Ken, Taku and Yu," he said. "I am enjoying my flight. I am very busy with a lot of work to do and I hope you are all fine." Some of Yoichi's 25,000 proud residents again donned their mock spacesuits to celebrate another day successfully completed in space by their most distinguished neighbour.

Excitement has been building in Yoichi's elementary school over the prospect this evening of a televised interactive lesson on weightlessness from Mr Mori in space. Every selfrespecting five-year-old in town has been boning up on the finer points of the subject. Kiichi Miyazawa. the prime minister, has arranged to be in on the fun too, book-

phone call for Friday afternoon. Japan has been heavily involved in this Nasa shuttle

ing his own personal tele-

lion to the \$363 million venture, and the finest minds of Japanese science have worked for ten years to prepare the experiments that Mr Mori is now performing. Research into space sick-

ness is his aim, and to that end 30 live carp were flown to the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida from a pond in central Japan in July, to take part in a rigorous knockout competition for inclusion in the Endeavour's living laboratory. Of the 23 that survived the flight from Tokyo. 16 carp contestants made it to the finals.

Two winners, both distinguished by their striking red scales with white spots, were selected, according to Shigeo Mori, a professor from Nagoya University, on the basis of their "easily analysed brain waves and their ability to dispel hysteria when kept in confined spaces". Mr Mori will conduct 34 experiments, testing the effects of weightlessness on the winning launch, contributing \$90 mil- carps' gravity sensing organs.



The fanatical free marketeers

Bryan Appleyard is appalled to hear the views of young graduates

such rare, intense folly that they stand out from the usual wash of regrettable phenomena. This one involves the Conservative party, or. more precisely, that strange and terrible sub-group the Young

At the weekend I took part in a debate about religion, morality and the state with a group known as Conservative Graduates. On my side was Anne Widdecombe, the social services minister, who insisted, plausibly. I think that the ed, plausibly, a tunk, that the rapidly rising number of single parent families was the most urgent welfare problem of our day. They drain resources and, all the evidence suggests, they bring up a much higher proportion of delinquent and unstable children.

Certainly, she acknowledged, the welfare state may have done much

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to promote this problem. Housing tive. But the new right literature of priorities and benefits for single mothers may well. Their ruthless have encouraged girls to use pregviews echo nancy as an economically viable way of leaving the Trotskyism home. But what could be done? It may accord with Conservative motality and preju-dices to force people to act re-sponsibly, but cutting benefits at this stage would lead to children begging on the streets. Be-

and Maoism that gripped students in the Sixties and Seventies fore us were a hun-

dred or so rather shiny, rather privileged young Tories, presum-ably, given the venue, aspirant MPs. The most vociferous group were men, dressed more or less uniformly in blazers, ties, light cotton trousers and big shoes. "Preppy", I believe, was the fashion keynote. At some point in their education an idea had entered their heads - only one idea, but one that seemed to work in response to all This idea was that the only

possible, reasonable, meaningful and efficient basis for all human affairs was the free market. The free market, as objective ruler of human affairs, would right all wrongs, overthrow tyranny, promote urti-versal happiness, make you smell nice and, almost certainly, inspire Paradise lay at the end of a road of ruthless market deregulation, minimalist government and abolition of the welfare state.

From this perspective Anne Widdecombe's fears for the children amounted to dangerouslyliberal backsliding. All that needed to be done was a total dismantling of the welfare state. Society would adjust, working-class girls would stop getting pregnant and the underclass would shrink as the welfare-crazed proletariat were

driven to make a decent living. The first point to make about this curious economic fundamentalism is that it echoes precisely the Trotskyism, Maoism, syndicalism and all the other species of hard socialism that gripped students in the Sixties and Seventies. Both ideologies are absolute, simple,

ersonally, of course, I regret everything. But occasionally there are things one does of error and breathtakingly brutal. Both have a powerful, purely there are things one does of

the need for political nuance. The second point is that neither religion nor morality are involved. Any mention of God brought jeers of dissent from the preppies and Anne Widdecombe's insistence on the innocence of the children prompted sullen incomprehension. The minister, being a politician, tried to paper over this embarrassing crack by defining self-help as the basis of all conservative morality. But this properties in the properties of the conservative morality. ity. But this was futile since the audience was clearly too bigoted and cruelly lacking in self-doubt for the idea of morality to be remotely

convincing.

The roots of this new brutalism are clearly enough the Thatcherism of the Eighties. Lady Thatcher's free market instincts and all the accompanying intellectual justifica-tions have been embraced as defini-

> the Eighties has been very selectively edited. The other, more complex area of thought that these young have blue-pencilled in their minds con-cerned the viability of institutions, the nature of educa-tion and the symbolism and coherence of society none of which can be debated by minds wholly in thrall to free-mar-ket fundamental-ism. The real right, the thoughtful

right, knows this. It also knows that knee-jerk triumphalism about the destruction of socialist rationalism is no longer enough. That battle has been won. Arthur Scargill is now a clown, not a dangerous insurrectionist and Che Guevara is long dead. What counts now is not the defence of capitalism but its definition; the containment of its fragmentary tendencies and the sustenance of the culture that

Merely waving free-market ban-ners and guffawing at God is a way of avoiding all these problems.

Most urgently it is a way of avoiding the — to the preppies — painful truth that the free market frequently bears fruits that are offensive to the free marketeers themselves, such as children begets or a den popular culture. If you do not like such things, it is dishonest not to try and work out why, and that leads you far far away from simple,

brutalist economics. But, of course, they were young and they liked to clap and cheer at big, simple ideas. If they do try to become MPs it is unlikely their absolutism will survive even the first rungs of the selection process. Self-interest in the Tory shires can prove remarkably subtle and strangely anti-libertarian

We should leave the young Tories to their fantasies. They are beyond help and sadly unattractive. Perhaps Norman Fowler should consider, even if only on aesthetic grounds, restricting party member-ship to the over-thirties. At least then I could lapse into a life of more bearable regrets.

Philip Howard on the indiscreet letters of the poet who captured the bad joke of life

Philip Larkin hit a nerve for the post-war generation with his poetry of contemporary and distinctly unelegiac melancholy, resignation, spiky wit and public confession of what most people think, but few dare to admit so disarmingly. The first selection of his letters, coming from his publisher. Faber, this autumn, is going to strike nerves and funnybones all over the literary world. Because they were not written for

Because they were not written for publication, and because Larkin was who he was, they are wonderfully indiscreet, wildly debunking rude, politically incorrect, and fullyfrontal revealing. They are more abusive than the memoirs of his abusive than the memours of his chum and sparring partner, Sir Kingsley Amis, funnier than those of John Osborne, and far more revealing than the dry, clerical letters of T.S. Eliot.

Kingsley Amis was considered unkind for publishing that Larkin never married because he was too mean to go courting. Larkin who

mean to go courting. Larkin, who died in 1985, got his own back with a vengeance: "The only reason I hope to predecease him [Sir Kingsley], is that I'd find it impossible to say anything nice about him at his

Larkin from the grave

memorial service." It is sporting of Faber to publish some of these letters, for the firm is itself a regular target for Larkin's derision. "Ted [Hughes] the Incredible Hulk. Seamus [Heaney] the Gombeen", seamus [Heaney] the Gombeen", and other Faber stars come in for regular abuse. In a letter to Robert Conquest, he writes: "Craig Raine is running Faber poetry, and to my mind indulging some pretty fearful talents. But there is no poetry nowadays. No one has any ear. Another load of crap from the Vikram Seth character; known to you I believe. Ouite pleasant stuff. you I believe. Quite pleasant stuff, but fails to grip. Comes of being an oriental I suspect. Outside, a dog barks/ Swinging from your prick, I muse/ On Wang-Lei's lyrics. Not my cup of tea."

His letters will be a cup of gin for these who like property and the property of the property of the second of the property of the

those who like naughtiness. Here he is in 1984, writing to Charles Osborne, then secretary of the Poetry Book Society: "Dear Mr Ozborn, I am fond of potery and should like to join the Poultry Book of "the toad, work", exasperation Society. I hop that yuo publish Patent Storng, she is my faverit, next to Ted Huge of course. Yuors respectfully P. A. Larkin (Mrs)".

Larkin was a prolific correspondent. Letters replaced human contact for him. In an unfinished poem of August 1953, he wrote:

I know, none better. The eyelessness of days without a And in his bleak poem, "Aubade", written towards the end of his life,

there is the final line:

Postmen like doctors go from house to house. For Larkin, as for many lonely people, some of whom write regularly to newspapers, there was the daily comfort of epistolary life, and letters through the post.

In spite of the jokes and masks and masks and masks and masks and masks and masks and masks.

and registers that Larkin put on, the letters expose him consistently, and charmingly. Books, poems, jazz, cricket, drink, the daily grind

with friends and colleagues, gossip about them, depression at the state of the world and of himself, of the world and or numsen, abomination of "niggers" and the working class, a frustrated search for high-quality pomography, interest in whatever interested his correspondent, delight in his occasional delights. Even when joking, he told the truth as we saw it, in his

letters as in his poems. As a recurrent theme of comic relief there are reports from the front on the Larkin waistline. 1978: "As a result of overeating and drinking am now precariously perched on the wagon, vowed to a month of abstinence in an attempt to shift my great sagging belly that is beginning to arouse public comment. None of my clothes fit either when Leither way to have the state of either: when I sit down my tongue comes out." 1983 (to Fay Godwin): "I don't know about being photo-

graphed again: I now have three conditions that photographers

must promise to observe in what they print: I am not bald, I have only one chin, my waist is concave.

And this means that about the only
picture of me now available is fullface head-and-shoulders, chin up,
in dark shade."

Whatever other writer's blocks and black dogs he suffered, Larkin always went on writing letters. looking at himself and the human condition with graveyard humour. He may indeed have been, as he observed, part "of the last genera-tion to write to each other". He may have been, in the words of his fictitious American biographer: "One of those old-type natural fouled-up guys". But it was worth it. His letters, like his poetry, are life-enhancing and a delight, and a fine epigraph to his age—Give me your arm, old toad; help me down Cemetery Road. Like no poet since the librarian of Hull spoke in Yeats, the librarian of Hull spoke to people in their voice and vernacular with the neuroses and humour of the age. And now, as a treat in store, here come these letters from beyond the grave, utterly Larkin-esque, indignant and sad and truth-telling, and wildly funny about the bad joke of life.

Why the Liberals must go

Lib Dems are a barrier to change, says Simon Jenkins re the Liberals really as



ry is the great un-discussable of poli-tics. Friend and foe alike seem comfortable to have this poke amiable fun at each year. The BBC props it up way debates". Papers appear with titles such as anti-Tory victory of the 20th century: Challenge, Opportunity, Responsibility". Mr Ashdown moons on since the rise of Social Liberalism in

sibility". Mr Ashdown moons on like Cyrano de Bergerac in the bougainvillea, watching balefully is rivals shin un and carry off the prize. If the Liberals did not exist, nobody would begin to invent them. Each new twist in post-war politics should have been a boon to this party: the collapse of working-

class loyalty to Labour, the political "estrangement" of the 1960s and 1970s, the growth of devolutionism in Scotland and Wales, the identity shift to single-interest groups. On none of these have Liberals built a distinctive base, even when over seven million protest voters were using it as an electoral dustbin in the 1980s.

They whinge about the unfairness of the voting system. But rules are rules. The way to beat first-pastthe post is to rig it with a pact. This is how the Liberals produced the Progressive Alliance with Labour in 1906, yielding the most stunning

the 1890s, the convergence of the two parties of the left awaited only Labour and the unions. This finally took place under Neil Kinnock. In last May's election, only a pedant could distinguish the Liberal from

the Labour programme. Third parties have their uses in any two-party system, either as centrist dustbins or to oppose or espouse some Big Idea when the main parties are in alliance and the public has no choice. Just occasionally they can use such an idea to pursue a new electoral fault line. The Social Democrats thought they could do this by "breaking the mould" in 1981. They found they were simply a better class of dustbin.

I believe such a fault could now be opening in European politics, though whether in Britain is still moot. Last week a nation genuinely divided on Maastricht ratification

and on devaluation had to watch all three party leaders form a tripartite coalition to support the govern-ment's exchange rate policy, one that even enthusiasts would admit turn queued up to deride the "quick fix merchants", the referendum lobbyists, the Maastricht oppo-

Such tripartisanship is normally confined to nations at war. Worry over this new coalition is visible in both Labour and Liberal ranks. But the real fault line lies where Margaret Thatcher detected it in 1975, deep within the Conservatives. It is between the traditional "party of government", sheltering beneath the skirts of the Treasury, Downing Street and the whips office, and the natural opposition to this ministerialist establishment. once championed by Mrs Thatcher but now leaderless. The fault line does not gape; Mr Major is too good a party manager for that. But it has widened under him as the gap between him and the formal

nents, as little short of unpatriotic.

Opposition has narrowed. Last for free markets and his hatred of week's coalition must widen it further. There is about Westminster now a bleak, we must hope temporary, echo of 1931, of Tories, Liberals and Labour trapped in a recessionary mode by central bankers, fixed exchange rates and a terror of criticism. Sadly we have no Keynes, only Burke's sophisters. economists and calculators, all now

in government employ.

Over against them are the little platoons, the sceptics, the haters of bureaucrats, anti-Maastricht, thoroughly cussed. Here are the small businessmen of the service industries who did well under Mrs Thatcher and are doing dreadfully in the slump. They are not little Englanders against free trade, but they are against the public and private monopolists who in their view have Whitehall and Brussels on strings. They owe no party loyalty. They are easy prey for demagoguery. Out of desperation they flocked to Mosley in 1931. Many of the same embraced the

SDP in the 1981 recession: tears looking for a fresh shoulder to

Europe's leaders have not just ignored this disillusioned constituency, in the nine months since Maastricht they have scorned and abused it. The Danes hit back. So, soon, will the Italians. France and Germany have seen the resurgence of new parties of the far right.
Recession has produced similar
antibodies in America: that the
implausible Ross Perot could do so well was more significant than that he personally failed. There is here a

sort of a Big Idea for the Nineties, but the Liberals want no part of it When Ross Perot was riding high in the summer, Mr Ashdown was much taken with bly his anti-centralist "empowerment" theme (Mr Ashgon). But Liberals could not stomach the rest of the package, least of all Mr Perot's enthusiasm

government. The Liberals' failure leaves them two painful choices, both of some importance to the electoral map of recent history, renew the Progressive Alliance and help oust the Tories. Or they can stay faithful to their third party role: go for the Big Idea, fight bureaucratic centralism, oppose the burgeoning European cartels, champion the individual against the state.

Elsewhere in Europe the electoral exploitation of this idea has taken extreme nationalist forms. The Liberal tradition could be a restraint on such extremism, a safety valve to warn mainstream politicians that have drifted too far from the public. But this will only happen if the Liberals have the appropriate guts. If they do not, and should recession rot the heart out of John Major's Conservatives, something very nasty might emerge from the post-Maastricht woodwork.



...and moreover ALAN COREN

f all the myriad wonders transglobal renown is deservedly founded, there is perhaps none worthier than her Institute for Social Inventions. Housed at 20 Hever Road NW2, the ISI is committed to nothing less than the perpetual search to improve man's lot upon this hapless planet by spotting the potential of stuff anyone might find in the average dustbin and, with a tin-tack here and a reef-knot there, deploying it to the benefit of less fortunate humankind. No challenge great or small, from, say, building a battered husbands' refuge out of old cotton-reels, to boiling down unwanted rabbit-skulls into a handy fixative guaranteed to stop Third World dentures from rattling in even the stiffest nor easter. remains unrisen to.

Above all, in an era distinguished for the manufacture of rubbish both physical and spiritual, the Institute offers the concomitant chance of bipolar redemption, since anyone prepared to take a gutterful of contemporary ietsam and selflessly spend his day recycling it into some boon for the needy will soon feel his soul soar above the tacky bonds of earth. There is nothing like spraypainting an assortment of Big Mac cartons and Carlsberg cans and stringing them above an orphan's cot to set a man's feet on

the path to beatification. Mind you, you have to be a dab hand with gum and hammer. For some time now, the Institute has been sending me its newsletter, and I have to report that my ratio tombstone, a fruit tree is planted of execution to inspiration is over the body. In the years to plot going to waste.

disappointingly low. Much as I'd love to take a dozen Madonna albums and melt them into a dinner service fit to grace any Oxfam window, or separate from their scrapped camshaft the cams crying out to be converted into sturdy door-knockers so hard-ofhearing OAPs would not miss their wheeled meals, these and many another altruistic cobble have proved beyond my talent. Which is why I view the

upcoming Natural Death Dinner with some unease. On September 27. the Institute is convening what their latest burnf describes as a gourmet meal with wine for £12, a bargain I should normally snap up, were it not for the postprandial topic, a discussion on "DIY Funerals" in preparation for which the Institute has circulated us with a digest of potential themes, viz: Flat-pack coffin: Richard Hoskin Workshops offer a flatpack coffin

from £35 plus delivery, made of MDF, ply or veneer. Making our own coffins. Barbara Huelin writes: My husband has recently finished building our coffins. in blockboard, at a cost of £50 each (not including our time). They are painted green and have nautical-looking rope handles. We have booked a double-decker

for £100, to which family and friends will bear us. Fruit tree planted over body. Often, in the back country of Montana, a hole will be dug and the body in a plain pine coffin will be lowered in Instead of a

site in the local council cemetery

follow, eating the fruit will be like partaking in the loved one.

Um. While I applaud all this, and certainly don't wish my corpse to run up a huge post-mortal bill for having its golden casket trotted to its bespoke Richard Rogers mausoleum by six St Leger winners, I nevertheless spot a major snag in the Institute's cheapo alternative: giv-en a lifetime's toolbox experience, can my deathtime's one be any better? Just as I have unpacked many a flatpacked thing and screwed it three-dimensional only to have it immediately fall flat again, so I have ruined more blockboard than most people have had gourmet dinners. As for nautical-looking rope handles, mine would not look nautical long: I have watched too many rowboats drift away from their bollards to have much confidence that, as family and friends bore me to my plot, my handles would not unravel, leaving my wonky ill-nailed blockboard flanks to drop, dismantle, and render their contents an embarrassment to all.

And when it comes to planting a fruit tree over me, once family and friends have scooped me back into the wheelbarrow, there is no question but that, on my past horticultural record, the item [have pre-mortally ordered from the garden centre will turn out to have scab, mildew, leaf-ourl, canker, and sawflies; if, indeed, it is

not already deader than I am. You wouldn't want to eat anything growing on it. Unless, that is, you were so Green you hated the idea of a double-decker

Pavilioned in concrete

THE cancellation of John Major's visit to the Expo World Fair in Seville is a blessing in disguise to those running the British pavilion. The state of the pavilion, still referred to in Spain as "the house that Mrs Thatcher built", is as parlous as Britain's economy.

Last week the pavilion's souvenir shop, run by Joanna Bickerton and Associates Ltd of Shrewsbury, went into receivership, and many local suppliers say they have not been paid by the pavilion's restaurant and bar, managed by Lionheart of London. The Expo concessionaires blame the DTI which, they claim, sold the concessions on a wildly

optimistic prospectus. Emilio Cassinello, the commissioner general of Expo. yesterday released figures which appeared to confirm the view that the British pavilion has become a £14 million steel and glass white elephant. Out of 31 million visitors to Expo since April, only 1.75 million visitors have entered the British pavilion. Nearly four million by contrast have visited the French pavilion. Nor do the problems end there.

Much has been made of the fact that the British pavilion is portable. It isn't. A director now says that the Spanish authorities forced the builders to fill the tubular frame with concrete to prevent the spread of fire and as a result the costs of transporting the edifice will now prove prohibitive.

The British embassy yesterday said Major's visit was cancelled. Downing Street said it was merely "postponed". We shall see.

Des res, £6m TIMES are hard, even for multi-



bers of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. Jawid al-Hussein, the father of Mona Bauwens - currently suing The People over the newspaper's criticism of her holi-day with David Mellor and his family - is finding it nigh impossible to sell his mansion in Bishops Avenue, Hampstead

The house, called Sunningdale, is where Bauwens has been pictured in the press wearing a leotard and sitting astride a rocking horse. It was discreetly put on the market by Saville's at a cool £6 million but has failed to attract a single buyer. "Our instructions are to keep it on the market. They want to sell," says Noel de Keyzer, for the estate agents. "The father doesn't spend much time here and Mona Bauwens spends most of her time in her Mayfair flat. They have tended to treat this more like a country

Whipped out

AS LIBERAL Democrats debated the legalisation of prostitution at their Harrogate conference yesterday one of the nation's best known madames. Lindi St Clair, was denied a starring role. Ms St Clair, leader of the self-styled Corrective Party, had been invited by party officials to address the conference in the full glare of the television cameras. When Paddy Ashdown millionaire former executive mem- heard he was appalled and

promptly vetoed the idea. "It would have been the Lindi St Clair show," said a close aide. " Nobody would have been interested in what we had to say on the subject, which is a serious issue." Ashdown was particularly worried that St Clair would reveal that she had written to the Liberal Democrat leader offering him a copy of her "dirt file". In her autobiography, to be published next week, she says: This contains times, dates and places, with corroborating photographs and videos of Labour and Conservative MPs who frequent prostitutes." The file covers 204 MPs, she said yesterday, and is not salacious but merely part of her

Aren't you ashamed of being one?

campaign to legalise prostitution. In return she says she asked Ashdown for a safe Lib Dem seat.

He declined the offer. Yesterday St Clair could not hide her disappointment at being banned from the debate. "I am the only one who could have spoken from experience," she says. "In-stead I have sent them a 10-minute video to give them an insight into what life is like inside my brothel, which I have run for 20 years without complaint. And I still think Paddy is wonderful."

● Meanwhile Paddy Ashdown was overheard in a conference bar discussing the future of another rebel, David Alton, who announced that he would not be able to stand as a Liberal Democrat MP again because of the conference vote on abortion. A delegate suggested to Ashdown that they put him on a ship and send him off to Ireland. where he might feel at home. "That's no good," quipped the Liberal Democrat leader. "He would walk back on the water."

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Sober success

BEFROCKED by Berketex, coiffeured by John Frieda and bejewelled by Laurence Cost, 30 debutantes including Lady Tryon's daughter, Zoe, curtseyed and waltzed their way through the night on Monday at Queen Charlotte's Birthday Ball in the presence of the Duchess of Somerset.

Lady Tryon, alas, was ill and thus unable to watch her daughter's coming out but the evening was deemed a great success by the organisers, including actress Patricia Hodge, who noted that there was a particularly "nice breed of

girl" present. There was none of the drunkenness or loutish behaviour which has marred the occasion in the past The only moment when high spirits threatened to get out of hand was during Michael Ball's cabaret when there was much screaming and garter-throwing to a Tom Jones number.

The occasion was also blessed with the presence of Peter Townend, Tatler's social guru, who ignored the event last year, allegedly on the grounds that it had become too gauche. "This year's ball was a great success and raised an awful lot money for chanty," says Townend. "It's not just silly guis making fools of themselves you

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POLITICS BEFORE PRIDE

John Major is a proud and stubborn man. These are qualities which in many political circumstances count as virtues. When he is in the last week of an election or in a long battle against inflation he has the character necessary for victory. In the past few days Mr Major has put everything bar the threat to resign his job behind the commitment to maintain a single value of sterling. If the markets were to demand such a commitment, the prime minister might even now be proud and stubborn enough to give it. He might offer up even his own office as the proof that a prime minister and his pound should stand or fall together.

In the estimation of any rational observer, however, that would be an unwelcome, unnecessary and ridiculous gesture. There is growing concern that Mr Major is approaching just such a position. Mere contemplation of its absurdity should force Mr Major to realise the danger.

The prime minister is risking his career, the future accomplishments of his administration and his responsibility to lead Europe into a new co-operative order. He is risking all this not for something he passionately believes in, not for a future of sound money and social justice, but for a pound worth 2.7780 marks.

If the French vote for Maastricht on Sunday. Mr Major can struggle on with his battle against the money markets. He may well succeed, at least for while. If the French vote against, there will begin a new era in European affairs. Britain will have the opportunity to lead the renaissance of a Europe whose path is chosen by national peoples not international bureaucrats. The EC Commission can be curbed. Overweening European laws can be burnt in a bonfire showing what "subsidiarity" might truly mean.

Mr Major, as potentially the most secure leader in the Community and as its temporary president, would have the unique

opportunity to build British values into the heart of the new order. But to seize it he must think again about the policy that even some among his senior economic advisers see as putting pride before politics.

Mr Major need make no apologies about his commitment to controlling inflation. There is plenty of room for debate about precisely how much emphasis should be given to this, but the goal of stable prices is among the most honourable for any politician. Let the prime minister be emphatic about it. Let him live to fight throughout the community for freer markets and lower public spending.

No single value for sterling can be the necessary or sufficient condition for a strategy against phoney money. He must admit that truth. His enemies will attempt to rub his nose in past statements. His friends certainly those gathered at Brighton for next month's party conference — will forgive. The reduction of interest rates is the news for which the country is waiting and for which the Tories will give their ovations.

Yesterday the signals from Whitehall were mixed. Downing Street produced a list of impressive tasks to explain why the prime minister had suddenly to abandon a foreign trip. Even in an exchange dealers' culture where truth was long ago the casualty this was an exercise in evasion.

Mr Major was not wasting hours on the council tax, the claims of high-spending ministers or the future of Hong Kong. He was pondering his next move in the drama that dominates all things. Until Sunday he is probably safe. The Bank of England can spend its reserves to protect sterling from the worst ravages of the market place.

Britain is not in the parlous state represented by Italy. But after Sunday Mr Major must be ready to make the most important decisions of his life. He must not be shackled to a dogma that is already dead.

THE COUNTRY'S BACKING

The government's dispatch of 1,800 troops to the war zone in Bosnia-Herzegovina pushes Britain to the forefront of the international effort to enforce peace in former Yugoslavia. In contrast to the warnings of creeping intervention and footdragging caution that marked British diplomacy for the best part of a year, the government is vigorously backing its initiative in calling the London conference with a readiness to risk lives in the Balkan maelstrom. After France, Britain will have the largest contingent of troops in the area.

This is right. There are few close ties of history or culture between Britain and Yugoslavia. But as a permanent member of the security council and holding the presidency of the European Community, Britain has a particular responsibility in helping resolve one of the most intractable conflicts now preoccupying the UN and the EC.

Yugoslavia is now squarely in the centre of British politics. No longer is it a faraway country whose Byzantine vendettas can be ignored: it is a war that has come close to the homes of hundreds of British service families, one where British commanders may be crucial to the outcome of a conflict that has already become the bloodiest engagement in Europe since the second world war. Yet troops have been committed with barely a word of explanation to the country. It has been left to television to convince the public that the awfulness must be stopped; snatched interviews with Foreign Office ministers have been the only preparation for yesterday's announcement. The government has flatly rejected demands for a recall of Parliament, insisting that no emergency debate is necessary.

British troops should never be sent to risk their lives without a convincing explanation why they should do so. That explanation should be given to the House of Commons, the forum in which all government policy is accountable. And John Major or Malcolm Rifkind must tell the country what the exact role of the troops will be.

Are they going merely to protect the food convoys, or will the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force, to which they will be attached, be changed to deploy the blue berets in more active peace-enforcement measures, such as the supervision of all heavy weapons? What are the precise rules of engagement? Is the deployment open-ended, and will reinforcements be needed?

Neither the deployment nor the government's justification for it can afford to be half-hearted. There are indeed legitimate doubts about the military objectives of the UN operations in Bosnia. These have been forcefully articulated by most military commanders on the spot and by the defence establishments in Washington, London and Brussels. Their arguments should carry much weight. But to argue that the objectives should be clarified is legitimate; to argue that no action should be begun if there is any risk is not unce the political decision has been made, the soldiers on the ground need total commitment from their commanding officers, from their government, and, in the end, from their country.

Britain's earlier caution on committing its forces was understandable, given the treacherous nature of the terrain and the people in Yugoslavia. But the London conference marked a turning point. It laid out a framework for negotiating an end to the fighting, which depended for its credibility on the whole-hearted commitment of all the

outside powers present. If there is a need for a show of force on the ground to demonstrate the world's determination not to tolerate mass civilian suffering and starvation, Britain cannot opt out. Similarly Britain must be ready to undertake the supervision of heavy weapons, the first essential step towards reducing the fighting. The government has led the political initiative; now it is reinforcing its credibility on the ground. The policy will not stick, however, without the backing of the country. Parliament should be recalled to muster that backing.

OXFORD ASPIRATIONS

Oxford was holding a conference against elitism yesterday, an occasion that sounds like the College of Arms running a seminar on republicanism. Elitism, seeking the best in scholarship and science, is what Oxford is there for. Over the centuries its success has been such that there is hardly a human activity that has not been enriched by Oxford. In running a university, as in selecting an orchestra or picking a cricket team, elitism — in spite of its politically incorrect overtones — must be the right policy. Oxford wants the best, and for nine centuries it has got what it wants.

The elitism that the Oxford Access Scheme is campaigning against is the common charge that Oxford is the haven of middleclass children from well-off homes and public schools, and that the path to the dreaming spires is steeper for those from less privileged backgrounds. It wants a policy of reverse discrimination in favour of children from working-class and ethnic backgrounds, to help them up the crowded path.

Yet the percentage of children from state schools coming up to Oxford this year is 42.8, a slight increase on last year. The percentage from independent schools is 48.0, also a slight increase. (The remainder are mainly from foreign sources.) This proportion has been steady for several years.

Any system of direct reverse discrimination would be as unfair as the corrupt old methods of founder's kin and places reserved for the gilded youth, particularly for those whose fathers had friends on high tables. This class elitism faded long ago, though it persists strongly in the literature and folklore, to Oxford's continuing detriment

In the long run reverse discrimination would not work. Eton started as a college for 70 poor scholars, until the English middle classes recognised a good education when they saw one. If the easy road to Oxford were through a comprehensive, the ambitious middle-classes would remove their children to such schools for their sixth-form years. Intellectual elitism on merit is the only fair policy for Oxford in 1992.

The trouble with Oxford entry is that it is more self-selecting and self-rejecting than that for other universities. Too many children (and schools and career-advisers) instinctively rule out Oxford as an option because of its damaging and obsolete mythology as the home of lost members of the Brideshead generation, and as being impossibly oversubscribed. In fact, there were only three candidates for each of the 3.184

places awarded by the colleges this year. Because the famous public schools are brilliant at coaching candidates for exams, however. Oxbridge colleges need to rely also on interview in depth, and on reports from their network of contacts in schools to detect potential beneath the A levels. The colleges are realising that such networks need to be

enlarged to embrace the state sector. That is the righteous Oxford élitism, searching out the best from whatever background. Oxford is right to advertise its attractions in schools and among children that do not yet recognise them. But any quota system of reverse discrimination in favour of the disadvantaged would be as unfair as the snobbery it is supposed to reverse. There should be no shortcuts: not for the privileged nor for the underprivileged.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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parities.

ing any improvement in growth or

investment and, in Britain's case,

substantially contributing to the weak-

ness in sterling. A reduction in base

rates generally would give all Euro-

pean currencies the fillip they require.

at the same time keeping existing

Zero inflation may well be a

commendable target, but it will be

purposeless if in the meantime a

substantial proportion of British in-

dustry is decimated, with the in-

I am a small player in the construc-

tion industry, which has been seri-

ously damaged over the past three

years through high interest rates.

Nyewood Court, Brookers Road, Billingshurst, West Sussex.

Sir. On March 17, shortly before the

general election, some 40 chief execu-

tives of British companies wrote in

these columns of the "rising living

standards" of the past 12 years, the

'substantial inward investment"

which had taken place and the

reappearance of the "spirit of enter-

prise". They suggested that the party

to vote for should be the one which

had provided these benefits since

1979. That party could be trusted "to

Are readers not now entitled to a

further letter from those leaders of

industry explaining the benefits busi-

ness has derived since that party was

voted back and when the chief

executives now see the end to the

Sir. Do you think the Germans regard

economics as the continuation of war

Business letters, page 23

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, ANTHONY GRIFFIN.

10 West Street, Geddington, Northamptonshire.

From Mr Charles Morgan

by other means?

Yours faithfully.

CHARLES MORGAN,

46 Cathcart Road, SW10.

(Managing Director), W. T. Lamb Holdings Ltd.,

From Mr Anthony Griffin

put enterprise first".

Yours faithfully.

R. A. LAMB

evitable burden of higher taxation.

Freeing the pound and controlling the deutschmark

From Lord Boyd-Carpenter

Sir. I hope that your leading article. "Free the pound" (September 14), will be taken seriously by those now in charge of the Treasury, whatever the result of the French referendum. The argument for attaching the pound to the ERM (exchange-rate mechanism) was that doing so would eliminate alarms and crises. The outcome has been that we have had plenty of both.

Moreover, the policy of tying the pound to a strict parity with other currencies is clearly disadvantageous to our economy. If, as used to be the moved freely in the light of the state of the economy, this movement had a stabilising and corrective effect. If the balance of trade and payments was weak, the exchange value of the pound

This made our exports cheaper and therefore more attractive to foreign buyers. It also made imports more expensive and therefore discouraged British purchasers of imported goods. The combined effect of these developments was to restore the balance of trade without crises or drama.

I am. Sir, your obedient servant, BOYD-CARPENTER. Crux Easton House, Crux Easton, Nr Newbury, Berkshire. September 14.

From Mr Mark Dunn

Sir Neo-Nazi German youths hurl brickbats at state-supported foreign economic refugees in East Prussia, where unemployment rates are nearing 70 per cent. The capital equipment to provide jobs for the Germans. or the refugees, does not exist.

The demand for consumer goods. being paid for with deutschmarks not earned but recently exchanged for worthless paper and therefore poten-tially themselves worthless, is unsatis-fied. In the former East Germany too much money chases too few goods.

Because of these fundamental and familiar factors - they are Weimaresque indeed - the Bundesbank considers the money supply to be so seriously in danger of breaking free and inflating that it refuses, correctly of course, anything but a token reduction in interest rates.

All the while non-German polinicians and bankers are praying for a let-up in the forces which are sucking

Danish vote dilemma

Sir, Article 20 of the Danish Constitu-

tion of 1953 lays down that for any

legislation which implies the dilution

of Denmark's sovereignty, via its

subordination to a supranational au-

1. A vote in favour of the legislation of five-sixths of the membership of the

2. A referendum result in favour of the

The Danish government has been

able to secure neither of these results.

That is why Mr Elleman-Jensen, the

foreign minister, has stated that the

Maastricht treaty will not become a

It is out of the question for the

From Mr Christopher Story

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dry the mature Western European and United States economies, as their available investment funds are converted into deutschmarks, to fill the vacuum in the east.

Yet we British still strive for economic unity and a single market in Europe. Surely we would be better off feeding ourselves, putting up some protective walls around our industry and generally behaving more like an unaligned trading nation, like Switzerland, with a still-rich portfolio of foreign investments.

Yours faithfully, MARK DUNN, Wildham. Stoughton, Chichester, West Sussex. September 14

From the Chairman of the European Movement

Sir, The recent agonising and turmoil over EC currencies and interest rates underline the urgent economic need for a further prompt and significant out in German interest rates. The Bundesbank will realise that this is good for Germany's economic recovery as well as everyone else's.

The longer-term implication is that the sooner we get to the single currency in Europe the better. The prize is glittering: no more speculation in individual national currencies, which are an anachronism in such a cohesive economic area as Europe is becoming.

Interest rates could be the same everywhere. Different national rates of inflation would all become the same EC-wide rate. Consumers would have the immense advantage of being able to compare shop prices throughout the member states.

Assuming a positive "yes" result in France, and a fruitful re-think by the Danes, the inevitable should be accelerated for the future prosperity of the

HUGH DYKES, Chairman, European Movement, 158 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1. September 15.

From Mr R. A. Lamb

I remain, etc.,

Sir, Although I welcome this morning's moves by the Bundesbank, I regard interest rates throughout Europe as too high, thereby prevent-

the renegotiation of Maastricht.

Danish government to hold a further changed version by referendum, those referendum on the document as it stands (i.e., the one which was the subject of their June 2 referendum). It can only be held on a materially different document, which would mean

The Danish government will shortly publish a white paper containing various options, to be debated in and the treaty would fall apart. the Folketing. Although that body cannot overrule the referendum result. it could, by a five-sixths majority. recommend substantial changes to the treaty, for consideration by the EC presidency. Such a majority is unlikely, which is why the government is hinting at another referendum next year on any changes that the Folketing may recommend. Whatever the outcome, the treaty will have to be substantially altered. In the unlikely

countries which may by then have ratified the original treaty will have ratified a document unacceptable to the Danes. If the changes were to be contained in a protocol, and an attempt made to argue that as such it was not part of the treaty, then other protocols would also be invalidated

Unless and until all member countries ratify Maastricht as and however amended to satisfy the Danish people, the treaty will remain illegal. Do politicians and officials want to forfeit what little credibility they retain by carrying on with this farrago? Yours faithfully.

CHRISTOPHER STORY (Editor and Publisher). International Currency Review. 108 Horseferry Road, SW1.

Liberals and Labour

From Mr Adrian Slade

reality in its present form.

Sir, By now my party must be immune to the stereotypical conference report of woolly-hatted or hooded representatives with acne. personality disorders and, usually, sandals, so Matthew Parris's com-ments (conference sketch, September 14) will not be taken too seriously by Liberal Democrats at Harrogate.

Peter Riddell's thoughts ("The centre holds only too well", September 14) are another matter and enough to stir even those of us who are not at this year's conference. What is this current assumption by some serious political commentators that the only hope for the Liberal Democrats is for them to work in coalition with Labour? This after a third abysmally dismal performance by Labour in a general election, which signals to many of us that, whatever the window dressing, Labour is never again going to be an acceptable alternative to the Tories.

Why should the Liberal Democrats now hitch themselves to Labour at its nadir when our party continues to erode or replace Labour as the effective alternative to Toryism in so many councils and parliamentary seats across the country?

Liberal Democrats should continue to keep doors open to those of like progressive mind from whatever party, particularly Labour, and continue to develop a more contemporary and relevant alternative than Labour is capable of providing, but pragmatic arrangements are for journalists not electors. Liberal Democrat voters like such arrangements no more than most Liberal Democrats, and they will not work in practice. Peter Riddell is wrong.

Yours faithfully. ADRIAN SLADE (President, Liberal party, 1987-8), 28 St Leonards Road, SW14. September 14.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -071-782 5046.

Jobs and age limit

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From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset East and Hampshire West (European People's Party (Conservative))

Sir. Ray Clancy (article, September 9) highlights the problem of jobless people over 40. Unusually, this is one respect in which the public sector is more enlightened than the private. Recruitment advertisements in newspapers for public sector jobs rarely mention age. Those for private com-

panies, regrettably, almost always do. The exception to this good public sector practice is the institutions of the European Community, the European Commission and the European Parliament in particular. They always include an age limit.

The excuse given by the Commission is that this is necessary to

Sir, Any society requires marriage, or something very similar to it, in order to safeguard its children, to provide a structure for responsible child-bearing, to channel the emotional attachment and identity needs of adults and, for the majority, to enhance personal meaning and motivation and much

Your leader, "Royal liberation" (September 12), could not be more misplaced symbolically, psychologically and historically. Royal marriages need some liberation from the media. certainly. But personal liberation is. for everyone, elusive if we fail to grapple with the stresses and strains of our innate interdependence, whether expressed in tender intimacy or the daily round of family and community

The various historic acts of Parliament which govern royalty's marriages should not be tampered with lightly. All marriages are in fact "of the highest importance to the state". We already know of the largely disastrous social, economic, educarional and emotional consequences of

secure an adequate career development for the people it recruits. But, in the jobs for temporary officials for the Commission which your newspaper has been carrying, there is even age discrimination there! This makes nonsense of the claim about

career progression. In the United States it is as illegal to discriminate in employment on the grounds of age as it is race or sex. It would not be difficult for the government to introduce a minor modifica-tion to our legislation here at least to forbid explicit references to age in recruitment advertising.

Couldn't the newspapers also help by refusing to accept job advertisements which contain age limits?

Yours faithfully. BRYAN CASSIDY, The Stables, White Cliff Gardens, Blandford, Dorset,

our national failure to buttress and

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family by removing from them key obligations of their historic estate

would be a terminal blow to our

tenuous social ecology and to our

national constitution.

RICHARD WHITFIELD.

101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4.

National Family Trust.

Yours faithfully.

September 14.

Chairman,

Royal marriages From the Chairman of the

National Family Trust

From Sir Robert Sanders Sir, "But I trust. Sir, that I have never abused the enormous power I wield. I trust, Sir, that I have never pointed the noble instrument which is placed in my hands, against the sacred bosom of private life, or the tender breast of individual reputation."

Who would have thought that our present-day press would have lower standards than Mr Pott, the editor of the Eatanswill Gazette in The Pickwick Papers?

Yours faithfully. ROBERT SANDERS. Greystones Lodge, Broich Terrace, Crieff, Perthshire.

'Master teachers' to raise standards

From Sir John Mason, FRS

Sir. Although many head teachers and the National Union of Teachers seem to reject government plans for performance-related pay (reports, September 2, 14) sustained improvement in educational standards and performance is required if the majority of our young people are to achieve their full potential and provide a skilled workforce able to compete with those of Germany, Japan and South-

East Asia. The decline in the social status and authority of the teacher is one of the most worrying developments today. If we are to have a cultivated, civilised and technically competent society the foundations must be laid in the family and the school and teaching must again be raised to an honoured profession on a par in esteem with nursing and medicine.

This is unlikely to happen unless teachers do more to help themselves. for example, by accepting the need for better training and qualifications, with pay and promotion closely related to ability, performance and

responsibility. I propose a scheme to identify and reward the outstanding classroom teacher by the conferment of a special title such as "master teacher", together with an enhanced salary that would give the recipient increased status within the school and the local community.

These awards should encourage the outstanding and dedicated teacher to remain in the classroom rather than seek promotion to an administrative nost. Such teachers could be expected to participate in the development of curricula and improved methods of teaching and assessment. They should also play a key role in the supervision of trainee teachers, who will now spend at least 60 per cent of their time in the classroom.

I envisage a national scheme, financed by central government, analogous in principle to the personal merit promotion schemes of the civil service and the NHS, operated through regional assessment panels. The number of awards would have to ensure their high prestige while being sufficiently encouraging to make a real impact on teacher morale. A reasonable compromise might allow some 10 per cent of teachers over the age of 35 to be successful.

Yours faithfully, JOHN MASON, 64 Christ Church Road, East Sheen, SW14. September 14.

Education aims

From the Chairman of the County Education Officers' Society

Sir, Chief education officers across the country believe that unless there are substantial modifications as the education white paper turns into a par-liamentary bill in the next few weeks. the prime minister's aim to ensure that no child has to settle for a secondclass education will be frustrated.

There is too much muddle about who will be responsible for what, how aggrieved parents will get redress. and how those taking decisions on resources and standards will be held accountable to local council taxpayers.

We see real problems in implementing the proposals on planning and reorganising schools; funding them fairly, when the number of grantmaintained schools varies so greatly in different areas; providing support and services for those and local education authority schools; and improving schools whose failings are assumed to come to light mainly through a public inspection report. The drive to remove surplus places

will reduce the scope for parental choice. Most of our market towns typically have only one secondary school, with the nearest alternative 10 or more miles away.

Comments on the white paper are

due by September 25. This leaves little time for comment by governing bodies, which are being reconstituted this term. The minister and MPs need to have a real debate with parents, governors, heads and others who know what life is like in schools so that we can give all pupils equal access to the best.

Yours faithfully, IVOR SLOCOMBE (Chairman, The County Education Officers' Society). County Hall, Bythesea Road. Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Lighting a fuse

From Dr M. A. Ware

Sir. Your leader. "English spelt here" (September 10), states that bad spelling in a newspaper "is a sign of incompetence as slovenly as a ladder in the tights". This stricture should have been heeded in your review on the same day of the Booker hopeful. The English Patient:

Surely, in diffusing the bomb the hero was guaranteeing maximum mayhem rather than rendering it harmless in the usual way.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET A. WARE, Monks Gate, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Chipping Nonon, Oxfordshire. September 12.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 15: The Princess Royal this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from a visit to

Mrs David Bowes Lyon and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE September 14: The Princess of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The West Nova Scotia Regiment, this morning received Colonel Charles MacLellan, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, at Kensington

September 15: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Edin-burgh and was received by Sir Peter Heatly (Deputy Lieutenant of the City of Edinburgh). His Royal Highness presented

the Community Enterprise Scheme Awards at Edinburgh

Mr Peter Westmacott was in The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Banchory and was received by Mr Angus Pelham-Burn (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of

His Royal Highness, Patron, Atlantic Salmon Trust and President, Salmon and Trout Association, opened the Whitley Fish Counter Weir at Banchory-Devenick on the River Dee. Subsequently The Prince of Wales reopened the Burnett Memorial on Scotty Hill, Banchory. Commander Richard Aylard

The Princess of Wales this morning visited Chiswick Family Rescue, Chiswick, London W4. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 15: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John, this morning

received Dame Audrey Emerton, Chief Nursing Officer of St John Ambulance, and recipients of the Queen's Honorary Physician Awards 1992.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness opened the Divisional Headquarters for the Epsom and Ewell Division of St John Ambulance, Hook Road, Epsom, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Surrey (Mr Richard Thornton).

In the evening The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust, was present at the exhibition Tibetan Art at Spink'. Spink and Son Limited, 5-7 King Street, St James's, London SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in amendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Leicestershire and was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr

Timothy Brooks).
Her Royal Highness opened the new Youth Wing at Emily Fortey School, Glenfield Road, Leicester and later opened the Leicester Disablement Services Centre at the General Hospital, Gwendolen Road. Afterwards The Duchess of Gloucester opened Stuart Court, the Church of England Pensions Board's new Residential Home for the Clergy, Kibworth Beauchamp

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 15: The Duchess of Kent, this afternoon presented a British Broadcasting Corporation "Hearts of Gold" award to Mrs Gwyneth Poscher at the Conrad Hotel, Chelsea Harbour, London SW10.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in

Birthdays today

Miss Lauren Bacall, actress, 68; Miss Lauren Bacau, actress, 08; Lord Brassey of Apethorpe, 60; Mr Tommy Carberry, jockey, 51; Lord Grimthorpe, 77; Mr Charles Haughey, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, 67; Lord Henderson of Brompton, 70; Mr Ian Horsbrugh, principal, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, 51; Mr Andy Irvine, Guildhall School of Music and Drama. 51: Mr Andy Irvine, rugby player, 41: the Very Rev W.B. Johnston, extra Chaplain to The Queen in Scotland, 71: Mr B.B. King, guitarist and singer, 67: Mr Lee Kuan Yew, former Prime Minister of Singapore, 69: Sir John Megaw, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 83: Mr Robin Morgan, former editor, Sunday Ermess, 39: Sir John Page, former Express, 39; Sir John Page, former MP, 73: Baroness Pike, 74; Dame Quinn, former nursing adviser, British Red Cross Society, 72; Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, 76; Mrs Steve Shirley, founder, F International Group, 59: Professor Lord Walton of Detchant, 70.

Lecture

English-Spenking Union Mrs Edward Norman-Butler, Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Council of the English-Speaking Union, and Mrs Valerie Mitchell ESU deputy director-general, recrived the guests at a literary lecture held yesterday at Dartmouth House. Miss Han Suyin was the guest speaker.

Today's royal engagements

will open the Congress of the International Medal Federation at Beveridge Hall, Senate House. London University, at 10.00.

The Duke of Kent will open the Felix Training Centre at the Army School of Ammunition, Kineton Warwickshire, at 11.00.

The Indian High Commissioner and Mrs Kamla Singhvi attended a reception given by the India League at the Mahama Gandhi Hall yesterday in honour of Dr Manmohan Singh, Indian Fi-nance Minister. Mr Julius Silverman, chairman of the league, and Mr S.N. Gourisaria, honorary general secretary, re-

Soirée

People and Places

The Duke of Gloucester, as Trustee of the British Museum,

Reception

India League ceived the guests.

Marika's Café Theatre, a soirée in the People and Places series, was held last night at Wildenstein's Art Gallery in aid of the Royal Marsden Hospital's Children's Appeal. Mrs Iris Banham-Lee was in the chair.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Barnes, Editor of *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1785; Andrew Bonar Law, prime minister 1922-23, Kingston, New Brunswick, 1858; Sir Alexander

Korda, film director, Pusztatur-paszto, Hungary, 1893.

DEATHS: Tomas de Torque-

DEATHS: forms de forque-mada, first grand inquisitor in Spain, Avila, 1498; John Colet, theologian, Sheen, Surrey, 1519; Gabriel Fahrenheit, inventor of

the mercury thermometer, The Hague, 1736; Louis XVIII, king of

France 1795-1824, Paris, 1824; Edward Pusey, leader of the Ox-

ford Movement, Ascot Priory, Berkshire, 1882; Edward

Whymoer, mountaineer, Chamio-

nix, 1911: Sir Ronald Ross.

bacteriologist. Nobel laureste 1902, London, 1932; John Mc-

Cormack, tenor, Dublin, 1945; Sir

James Jeans, physicist, Dorking, Surrey, 1946; Maria Callas, so-

The Post Office Savings Bank wa

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 12, at St

Jakobi's Church, Eime, of Mr Robert Darwin, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Erasmus Darwin, of Kensington, London, to Miss Irene Nagel, daughter of Mr and

Mrs Hans-Jurgen Nagel, of Eime, Hanover, Germany.

Mr William David Matthews to

be a circuit judge, assigned to the Midland and Oxford Circuit.

Dr Geoffrey Chapman to succeed Mr Colin McGarrigle as head-master of Queen Margaret's School, York. in January 1993.

Mrs Diana Elizabeth Watkins to be head of Leaden Hall School,

Salisbury, from September 1993,

after the retirement of Miss Jennifer Tyler.

prano, Paris, 1977.

established, 1861.

Marriage

Mr R.G. Darwin

home of the bride.

Appointments

THE Earl and Countess of Harrowby at the gates of Sandon Hall, their family home near Stafford, which dates back to 1850

competitors were asked to play

two tunes. The winner was

There are three junior

events at Inverness. The first is

for marches, for pipers under

fifteen years of age. This was

won by Fraser Bruce Walker.

The under-18 march, strath-

spey and reel was won by Iain Taylor. The Queen's Own

Highlanders' junior piobair-

eachd event had a large entry, all of whom had to be under

18. The winner was Neil

Walker, who played Lady Margaret MacDonald's

The Clan sponsor of the

1992 Northern Meeting pip-ing competitions was Clan

Clasp: Gold clasp, Rothlemurchus trophy and Grainger and Campbell

Bratach: P/M A Gülles, 2 Wm MacDonald trophy, W MacCallum; 3 M Henderson; 4 R MacLeod.

Strathspey and reel "A": I R MacLeod 2 G Taylor: 3 Mary Ann MacKinnon;

I Speirs.
Strathspey and reel "B": I S
Drummond: 2 D Campbell; 3 S
Liddell: 4 D MacPhee.
Jigs: Donald Ross trophy: Cpi G
Walker: 2 R MacLeod; 3 W Morrison; 4

Macpherson.

RESULTS

Corporal Gordon Walker.

Piping

Golden Gillies clasps resounding victory

By ANGUS NICOL

THE second day of the Northern Meeting piping competitions began with that for the Gold Clasp to the Highland mond. There was a large entry, as always, for the jigs, which was whittled down to a short leet of eleven. Again, the Society's Gold Medal, open only to those who have already won the gold medal itself. With a free choice of tunes, of which each competitor had to submit ten, a concert of great and historic tunes was heard.

The prize-winners must have given the judges considerable pause for thought, there being no great distance between them. The winner was Pipe Major Alasdair Gillies, who played The End of the Great Bridge. William Mac-Callum came second, with an excellent performance of Rory MacLoude's Lament. Murray Henderson started the day, a little after 8.30 in the morning, with the nameless tune. Cherede darievea, to take third prize. In fourth place came Roderick MacLeod, who zave a very fine performance of the Lament for Padruig Og

MacCrimmon. Pipe Major Gillies's victories in the clasp and march, strathspey and reel won him also the Glenmorangie prize pipe, which is actually a most handsome decorated quaich.

for the best overall piper. The remainder of the ceol beag events occupied the rest of the day. The first prize for the strathspey and reel "A" was won by Roderick Mac-Leod, the "B" grade event being won by Scott Drum-

Latest wills

Mr Brian Oulton, of Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, the actor who was an authority on the plays of Pinero, left estate valued at £535,176 net. Mrs Winifred Beatrice Tucker, of

Mr Cyril Arthur Merry, of Worthing, West Sussex, left estate valued at £111,762 net. He left a dozen bottles of Scotch whisky each to two Oxford then "in the hope that they will drink to the health of and to the damnation of those they

know I have in mind".

Butchers' Company

The Privy Council has formally approved the latest new university names. Leeds Polytechnic will now be allowed to call itself Leeds Metropolitan University. Manchester Polytechnic will now be The Manchester Metropolitan University.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother is to be a patron of the newly-formed Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust.

Katie Etherington, a 19-year-old design student from Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, who is confined to a wheelchair by spinal muscular atrophy, has won the 1992 cal-endar competition for disabled

Croydon, Surrey, left estate valued at £2,229,029 net.

The following have been elected officers of the Butchers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Frederick James Mallion; Wardens, Mr Hyman Arnold, Mr Henry Taylor Tattersall, Mr Roy Edward Seemen Mr John Mich. Edward Seeman, Mr John Michael Stone and Mr Michael Rudoll

University news

Royal patron

Winning date

artists, sponsored by Sunrise Medical

Forthcoming marriages

Lieutenant R.H. Barclay and Miss S.L. Bozhall

The engagement is announced between Roger Hamilton Barday, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), only son of Mrs A.
Barciay and the late Mr
A.G. Barciay, of Wrea Green,
Lancashire, and Sarah Louise,
only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Boxhall, of Fulham, London.

Dr J.P. Bidwell and Miss N.E. Robinson

The engagement is announced between James Peter, son of Mr and Mrs A.E. (Peter) Bidwell, of Dufton, Cumbria, and Nina Elise,

The engagement is announced between Alex. son of Mr David Fletcher, of Thurlestone, Devon, and the late Mrs Ada-Mary Flercher, and Emily, daughter of Mr Edmund Fisher, of Twywell,

Mr J.A.S. Hobbs

and Miss H.L. McCann S.H. Hobbs, of Hambleden, Oxon, and Mrs S.G. Knight, of Clevedon, Avon. and Heather, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. McCann, of Knowsky Village,

and Miss P.G.McC. Hawkes

and Miss A.M. Jones The engagement is announced between Lawrence Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Kerr, of Horley, Surrey, and Amanda Melissa, only daughter of Dr and

Northamptonshire, and Mrs Alton E. Peters, of New York City.

The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr

The engagement is announced between Major Andrew Hughes. 17th/21st Lancers, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Hughes, of Great Rissington, Gloucestershire, and Polly, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. Russell Hawkes, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr LR. Kerr

daughter of Mr and Mrs. D. Robinson, of Ponteland, Northumberland.

Mr A.W.F. Fleicher and Miss E.A. Fisher

Major A.G. Hughes

Mrs Trevor Jones, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr S. Holt and Miss J. Harding Steve Holt and Juliet Harding are announce their

Sale must

go ahead,

earl says

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT THE Earl and Countess of

Harrowby's home in Stafford-

shire, Sandon Hall, and its

contents will be auctioned by

sold, but it is no good regret-

ting a style of living applicable

to the last century but not to this one." Lord Harrowby

The couple have now moved into a wing of the house. "It is a practical way of living in a massive great house. The ob-

ject is not to have to move out

As part of that plan, he

wants to open the house to the public for a series of one-day

tours, and is considering set-

ting up a museum of oddities. including a rare collection of

first world war posters. Elevern packets of silk toilet paper in original wrappers from about 1900 are included

altogether."

"There are some things I would preferably not have

Sotheby's on October 6.

happy to announce engagement Mr S.P. McLaughlin

and Miss A.J. Carr The engagement is announced between Seamus, elder son of Mr and Mrs John McLaughlin, of Londonderry, Northern Ireland, and Annabel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Humphrey Carr. of

Ropley, Hampshire. Mr J. Marland and Miss S.M. Clutter

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs John Marland, of Manor Farm, Chichester, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr Nigel Clutton, of The Dover House, Poling, Arundel, Sussex, and the late Mrs Anne Clutton.

Mr S. Powell and Miss C.R. Campbell The engagement is announced between Shaun, son of Mr and Mrs William H. Powell, of

Wexham, Buckinghamshire, and Catherine Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. Campbell, of Fulford, York.

Mr N.R. Roberts and Miss S.H.M. Gelling The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Roberts, of Caterham, Surrey, and Susan, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.R. Gelling, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

and Miss K.L. Samuel

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs H.A. Rowton-Lee, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire. and Katrina, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Samuel, of Bournemouth.

Mr M.J. Smith

and Miss C.T. Oates The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mr and Mrs K.J. Smith, of Burbage, Leicestershire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Oates, of Braidwood and Sydney,

Telephone 071 481 4000 You have given me the shield of your salvation; your right hand sustains me; you stoop down to make me great. Psalm 18: 35 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

CONSIDENE - On September 9th 1992, in Victoria, B.C., to Sissan (rife Jameson) and Chris. a son. Maxwell Christopher Jameson. GIBBS - On September 13th, in inverness, to Leonie and Joe. a son. Elon Roland Merry.

al St John's Hospitale to Bev-erly and Paul. a son. Daniel Alexander. a brother and playmale for Christopher. GRAHAM - On September 13th, to Jenny and Colin, a son, James Duncan Law, brother to Ross.

GLOCK - On September 15th

MORRIS-ADAMS - On September 6th to Catherine (nee Anderson) and Tod. a son. Hugo Egerton.

NEUBERGER - On September 5th, to Gillian (née Pyman) and Michael, a daughter, Anna Saskia Margol. PEARSON - On September EARBON
13th, to Jame thee Treasand David, a son, Jago Sar
brother for Emily.

PLUNKETT - On September 2nd 1992. in New York. lo Miranda (nie Pascoe) and Andrew. a son. Oliver Thomas. SULLIVAN - On Septemb VAUGHAN - On September

WEST - On September 7th in Oxford to Shona (née Smart) and lan. a daughter. Laura Juliette. a sister for Matthew and Callium.

MARRIAGES TOCKNELLBEADMAN - On Saturday September 12th at St Gabriel's Church, Pimiko, Michael, son of Mr and Mrs D Tocknell of Dursley, Gloucestershire to Susan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Beadman of Lincoln.

JOHINSTOM - The family of Mary Johnston would like to thank the staff of Ward 32 Darimston Memorial Hospital, Parishoners of St. Augustine's Church, Darimston and Mary's many friends for their unstincing support during her times. We wish to give special thanks to Canon Soence. Father Russell and Father Stott.

DEATHS BEST - On September 11th, a BEST - On September 11th. at Wrexham Park Hospital. Berks. John Best, aged 87. Much loved husband of Yvonne. Funeral Service at Easthampstead Park Crematorium on Friday, September 18th at 2pm. Enquiries to C. Lovegrove. Sunninghill. Tel: 0344 22114.

BIRD - On September 15th 1992 peacefully in Reigale, Arthur Leyland aged 90 years. Canon of Guildford, formerty Rector of St. Reter's, Walton-op-the Hill and Vicar of St. Marry' and St. Maris' Burgh Healt, Much loved father of Eliza-much loved father of Elizaand Vicer of St. Marys' and St. Marrs's Burgh Heath, Much loved father of Elizabeth and George. Funeral Service on Tuesday September 22nd at 2.30 pm at St. Peter's Church, Walton-on-the Hill, Family flowers only please. If desired donations for Retired Clergy Homes Fund. Guildford Diocese, may be sent to Sherlock and Sons, Trellis House, Dorking.

1992, peacefully in her sleep, at the Clarence Nursing Home. Tunbridge Welts, Nancy (née Wilson), Widow of Air Vice Marshal "Bobby" or Air vice marshal soody Blucke. Dear mother of Anne Routh and the lale Group Captain David Blucke. Proud granny of Malcolm. Peter, Mark, Charles and Robert. mant, charries and revoct, and great grandy to ten. Funeral at Tunbridge Wells Cometery Chapel. on Tuesday September 22nd at 2.30 pm. All enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services. Crowborough, Toky0892) 655000

CAMNON - On August 12th 1992 at St Albans, Hedley John aged 85. Husband of Dhel Florance (Queaniel, Father of Jennifer and James. Service at St Peters Church, St Albans at 1.30 pm on Friday September 18th followed by Cremation at Garsion. Family flowers only.

FAWCETT - On September 6th tragically in an accident aged 23 years, Otiver Andrew Maris. Much loved son of David and Beryl and brother of Stephen. Imogen and Sarah. A Memorial Service and reception in celebration of Otiver's life to which all friends are welcome will be held on Saturday September 19th at 12 noon, in the Chapet of Trinity & All Saints College. Brownberrie Lane.

Brownberrie Lane. Horsforth. Leeds, after private cremation. Any flowers are to be worn and novers are to be worn and contributions towards Cuide Dogs for the Blind can be made at the service or sent to 433 Meanwood Road, Leeds LS7 2LL.

FEATMER - On September 13th 1992 at Kettering Ceneral Hospital, Alice, aged 84 years, of Sudborough, North Hants, widow of Lord Vic Feather, mother of Pat and Sandy, mourned by all her family. Memorial Service to be held at All Saints Parish Church, Sudborough on Sunday September 20th at 3.30 pm. All welcome. Donations, if desired, to the British Red Cross, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1X 7BR.

GREATHURST - On September 12th 1992, suddenly at his horne. LL. Cdr. (S.C.C.) R.N.R. Douglas Greathurst, of Stortington, formerly of London, He will be sarily missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service at Durrington Cemetery Chapel, Worthing, Sussex, on Tuesday September 22nd at 3.30 pm. Flowers, or donations, it wished, to the R.S.P.G.A. c/o H.D.Tribe Ltd. 130 Broadwater Road. Worthing, Tel:0903 234516 GUNN - On September 11th, peacefully at Patrick Stead Hospital, Margaret (Mars) Gunn, Fumeral Service at St Mary's Church, Halesworth, on Friday September 18th at 11.30 am. Close family flowers only please

flowers only please. Conations may be made in aid of Cancer Research to Woolnough Funeral Service. Holton Rd. Halesworth, Suffolk. GURNER - On September
13th. peacefully in her sleep.
Phyllis, aged 96, widow of
Sir Waller Gurner, C.S.L.
1.C.S. Much loved by her
daughters, grandchildren,
and greal grandchildren,
Funeral Service at Kingston
Crematorium on Monday
September 21 st at 10.30 am.
Enquiries to T H Sanders, 1A
Upper Ham Road. Ham.
Richmond. 081-549 8967.

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DEATHS HANSON - On September 13th 1992, peacefully at Grantham Hospital. Desmond, beloved husband of June and father of Cherry. Ginny. Anna. Serena and Lucinda. Funeral Service at Krupton on Monday September 21st at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only. Donations If desired to the Krupton Church Restoration Fund. c/o Geeson Funeral Service, Denton, Grantham.

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HERROD - On September

13th 1992. Nick. Private
family funeral on Friday
September 18th at St
Maithew's Church. Oxon.
Flowers may be sent to St
Maithew's Church by 11 am.
Memorial Service for all
friends will take place on
Monday September 21st at St
Luke's Church, Sydney St.
Chebsea. at 12 pm. See
Ziegler.

Aleger.

JACOMB-HOOD - On September 12th 1992, pescentily after a long III-ness. Nancy Isabel Beatrice, aged 78 of Reignte, beloved mother of Cedric, Funeral Service at St Mark's Church, Reignte Friday September 18th at 4 pm. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations for 1st East Surrey Rangers may be sent c/o Stoneman Funeral Service. Doran Court. Redhill, RAYWER - On Avaisat 51st RAYMER - On August 51st 1992, Dorothy Mary, late of Reigate, Rusty, Winchester, Codelining, Leatherhead and Kenya.

RUST - On September 14th 1992. Dr. Lorna Joan of Epsom. Surrey. after an illness borne with great courage. Dearly beloved eldest daughter of Mrs I. Rust. Safly missed by all her family and friends. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead on Tuesday September 22nd at 11.30 am. Donations to the Princess Alice Hospice. Esher or flowers to A & E. Longhurs. Directors, Kingston Rd. Eweil, Surrey, A Memorial Service will be held at St. Martin's of Tours, Epsom on October 10th at 4 pm. Ociober 10th at 4 pm.

SPITILE - On September 15th. Nancie Treharne, dearly beloved mother of Annabelle. Marylyn and Thomas. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at the Holy Trinity Church. Rudgwick. W.Sussex. on September 24th at 11.30 am. No Bowers please, but donations may be sent to the Friends of Treginnis (form holidays for inner-city children). C/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, W.Sussex.

Walker: 2 R MacLeod; 3 W Morrison; 4
I Hurst.
Under-I 5 march: 1 P/M William
Young trophy: F Bruce Walker: 2 All
Ross trophy: A Stevenson; 3 D
MacLean; 4 K Reid.
Under-I 8 march, strathspey and reel:
I Maclinnes cup: I Taylor, 2 Clan
MacLeod cup: G Mulholland: 3 N
Walker: 4 N Stewart.
Queen's Own Highlanders junior
plobaireachd: I Evan MacRes trophy:
N Walker; 2 Rhoda MacLeod cup: A
MacColl: 3 G Mulholland: 4 I Taylor. ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEATHS STAHL - On September 14th.
Ernest Ludwig D.lliti, Oxon,
peacefully in Oxford, after
iliness valiantily fought, Born
Sanekal, OFS, South Africa,
December 10th 1902: son of
Phillip and Theresa Stahl:
beloved husband of Kuthleen
for fifty happy years.
Student of Christ Church
1945-1959, then student
Emeritus 1960 on. Taylor
Professor of the German
Language and Literature and
Fellow of the Queens College.
Oxford 1959-69. Private
fumeral, Memorial Service to
Christ Church Laler.
THOMPSON - On September

IN MEMORIAM -

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Professor of the German Language and Literature and Fellow of the Queens College, Oxford 1959-69. Private funeral Memorial Service in Christ Church laier.

THOMPSON - On September 15th 1992. peacefully at Tenterden. Jack. In his 92nd year. Beloved husband of Jackie. Loving father of Busc. Annabel. Charles and stepfather of Hubert. Burno. Bernard and Patrick Millet. A much loved father-in-lay and grandfather. Private family cremation at his request. No flowers. Donastoms if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. C/o Fuggles, Ashford Rd, Tenterden. Kent.

YANNOPOULOS - On September 1992. I lab Poter Philips & Control of the Rock of the Resource Rules 1992 (2009) and the Rock of the Resource Rules 1992 (2009) and the Rock of the Rock of the Rock of the Rock of the Resource Rules 1996 on 9 5eptember 1992. I lab Poter Philips

supplanard and Palirick Millet.
Bernard and Palirick Millet.
A much loved father-in-lavate and grandfather. Private family cremation at his request. No flowers. Donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. C/o. P. Donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund. C/o. P. Fuggles. Ashford Rd. Tenterden. Kent.

YANNOPOULOS - On September 11th 1992 at Royal Berkshire Hospital. Reading. George. aged 56. beloved brother of Fo Fo and George. Christis and John and a dear uncle. Flueral Service at St. Christis and John and a dear uncle. Flueral Service at St. Sophia's Cathedral. Moscow RORAL, London W2 on Friday September 18th at 11 am. But are supplementally flueral and forever in our thoughts.

Zied Horoff Road, London NW2. A true privilege to be part of his life. Sadly missed and forever in our thoughts.

Zied Lare Privale family flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. In the undersigned Mr. 1 p. Privale family flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. In the undersigned Mr. 1 p. Privale family flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. In the undersigned Mr. 1 p. Privale family flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15 am. My. 10 flueral on Friday September 18th at 15

monday september 21st at St. Luke's Church, Sydney St., Chelsea. at 12 pm. See Herrod.

98th Birthday of our beloved Florence Violet Stephanie unée Nartian). We will always miss you.

Monday September 21st at St.
Luke's Church, Sydney St.
Chelsea, at 12 pm. See
Herrod.

IN MEMORIAM —
PRIVATE

BONAVIA - David Michael. In
loving memory of my husband, who died 16th
September 1988, always in
my life. Judy.

BONAVIA - William Henry
1901-79 author of 'The
Chema in School' 1934;
Producer with Stuart Legg of
The New Generation' 1935;
devoted husband, father and
grandfalher, remembered on
his birthday as always.

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THE PISOLVENCY ACT 1986.
MARKS OF DISTINCTION LTD
SALLEPWALE LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
program to Section 98 of the
life insolvency Act 1986, that Meeting
WIX 90F on Friday 25th September 1992
Secured Charge at Buchier Spillips & co., 8a Crosvenor Street, London, WC2R
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Street, London, WIX 90F
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Thursday 24th September 1992 at 10.30 a.m. for the
purpose mentioned in Sections
Street, London, WC2R
Thursday 24th September 1992 at 10.30 a.m. for the
purpose of having an account laid
before them, showing the swesting to wote at the
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F.E. MORDANT LIMITED
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PURNAIN to Section 98 of the
breatvency Act 1996 that
MEETING of the CREDITORS of
the above named Company will
be held on 21st September, 1992
at 4. Charterbouse Senary.
London ECIM 68N at 10.48 am
for the purposes monthlored in
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Land Terence John Roper, FIPA of
4. C. Carebourse Squary, London.
ECIM 68N is appointed to act as
the qualified issolvency Practition
are purposed to the control of 220.

Asswers from page 18

NOSOPHOBIA (a) A fear of becoming ill, from the Greek nasos disease + phobis fear: "A nosology, or methodical arrangement of diseases according to their genera and species, induces profound nosophobia in the sensitive or suggestible."

ACAME WANTE MADE

VACCIMULGENCE

(b) Cow-milking, from the Latin vacca a cow + malgare to milk; Coleridge: "Will you try to look out for a fit servant for us, scientific in vaccimulgence?

(b) Drinking of wine or other intexicating liquor, from the Latin poculars a cap: "The art of poculation, if so it may be termed, being of the highest antiquity, and the claims of Bucchus, as the inventor of the art being unquestioned."

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Australia.

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IN THE MATTER OF PERMANISHT MACHIT MOTORS PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE RISOLVENCY ACT 1986. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN had at a needing of creditors of the above-named Company consuct under the provisions of Section 98 of the insolvency Act 1986 and held on 28 August 1986 and held on 28 August

(a) Pock-marked or pitted, from the Latin force a small depression or pit: "There is then left a cicatrix, which is circular, somewhat depressed, force at."

POCULATION

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PROFESSOR MARTIN HARRISON

Richard Martin Harrison Roman archaeologist, died at his home in Oxford on September 9, 1992, aged 57. He was born at Windsor on May 16, 1935.

THE name of Martin Harrison will remain associated with three corners of Turkey: the mountainous country of Lycia, which he explored for eleven years; Istanbul, where he uncovered the great sixth-century church of St. Polyeuctos: and Amorion in Phrygia. whose excavation he initiated.

The son of George Lawrence Harrison, a precision engineer, he was educated at Sherborne School and Lincoln College, Oxford, While still an undergraduate he began his training as a field archaeologist, first in Greece, then in Turkey, where he worked under the late Michael Gough on the fifth-century ecclesiastical complex of Alahan in Isauria.

After graduation he joined the British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara, where he started his systematic survey of central Lycia and developed his life-long love of Turkey and its people. In 1960 he went to the British School at Rome as Rivoira Scholar, then served as controller of antiquities. Cyrenaica (1960-61), excavating at Ptolemais, Apollonia and

After a spell of teaching at Bryn Mawr, he returned to Lincoln College as Glanville research student. In 1964 he was appointed lecturer at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and remained there until 1985. rising to become professor of archaeology and head of a department which he did a great deal to build up.

His appointment at Newcastle coincided with a unique opportunity for him. A few years previously buildozing operations at Sarachane in the heart of old Istanbul threw up several blocks of elaborately decorated marble bearing some lines of Greek inscription that were identified as belonging to the church of St. Polyeuctos, built by the Princess Anicia Juliana (524-27). A rescue excavation to be conducted jointly with the Archaeological Museum of Istanbul was underwritten by Dum-

Brigadier Gerald Ernest

Thubron, DSO, OBE,

second world war soldier.

died in Sussex on September 6 aged 89. He

. was born in London on July 13, 1903.

GERALD Thubron was a

soldier of distinction who

fought through three impor-

tant campaigns of the second

world war. A man of conspicu-

ous integrity and courage, he

was admired by his soldiers

and relished by everyone who

enjoyed his irrepressible

Yet he once said that he was

not a born soldier. He delight-

ed in the quiet of landscape

and history - in later life he

wandered Roman roads and

Iron Age forts on the Sussex

Downs - and he might even

have become an omithologist.

But the example of his father,

who died of wounds in the first

world war when Thubron was

only 12, spurred him on to the

army. So did his mother. She

was a Boston American, a

descendent of Samuel Morse

- inventor of the Morse Code

- and she remained eccentri-

cally spirited far into middle

age, when she still rode pillion

For much of the first world

war Thubron was educated at

Lancing, where he was a

contemporary of Evelyn

Waugh and the future archae-

ologist Max Mallowan (who

later married Agatha Chris-

tie). It was a grim time. At the

end of every term many

school-leavers went to their

death in the trenches, and

there were air crashes in the

But Thubron went on to

Sandhurst, then to a commis-

sion in the North Stafford-

shire Regiment in 1924.

There followed more than 13

surrounding fields.

on her son's motor bike.

humour.



barton Oaks Byzantine Centre of Harvard University and Martin Harrison was put in charge.

He worked assiduously for six seasons in harmonious collaboration with his Turkish co-director Nezih Firatli (who died, also in his fifties, in 1979). The site was very large and produced an overwhelming mass of finds. The superstructure of the church, alas, was found to be gone, but enough remained to establish its main features and identify it as an immediate predecessor of St Sophia. Most remarkable was the marble carving in an exuberant and exotic style, fragments of which, removed from the church at Polyeucios in the Middle Ages, were traced to Venice (including the "Pilastri Acritani"), Barcelona and Vienna.

The publication of the details of St Polyeuctos, the first major stratigraphic excavation to have been conducted at Istanbul, naturally required a long time and was delayed

BRIGADIER GERALD

THUBRON

years' service in India at a time

of deceptive peace before he

was recalled to Britain in

1938, to fill several staff and

His war service began in earnest in 1942, when he was

appointed Senior General Staff Officer for the 1st British

Infantry Division. He fought through the harsh Tunisian

campaign, which ended vic-

toriously in May 1943. Eight

months later his division

spearheaded the Allied land-

ings at Anzio, and endured

four months of bitter fighting.

In all he offered vital continu-

ity to four successive divisional

commanders, then headed the

2nd Battalion the North Staf-

fordshire Regiment from the

capture of Florence through

the Appenines offensive to

Bologna. He loved the greater

self-reliance and contact with

his troops which regimental

command afforded, and his

men reciprocated. The Battle

of Marradi was to be embla-

zoned on the regimental

The end of the war found

him a brigade commander in

Austria, awarded the DSO,

appointed OBE and men-

instructors' posts.

until 1986 (Excavations at Sarachane in Istanbul vol. 1). Volume 2 on the pottery (by John Hayes) followed in 1992. Whilst devoting his energies to the classification of the enormous variety of artefacts produced by the excavation, Martin Harrison could not help being puz-zled by the strangeness of the

monument he had uncovered. What was the meaning of this vast church measuring exactly 100 "roy-al" cubits square, decorated with peacocks, palm trees, lilies, vinescrolls and lattice-work? He came to the conclusion that it was built as a recreation of Solomon's Temple, a tantalising theory that he developed in A Temple for Byzantium (Harvey Miller, 1989).

After the field-work on St Polyeuctos had been completed, he returned to his long-running survey of Lycia. In 1985 he moved back to Oxford as Professor of the Archaeology of the Roman Empire and Fellow

tioned in dispatches. Yet he was a man of great modesty

who ridiculed pretension and

military bores. When asked

about his war experiences, he

would deflect the conversion to

humorous detail (in the

Appenines he once wrote or-

ders sitting on a supposedly

dead pig until it rose squealing

and bolted) or told how he

heard Gigli singing at Caser-

ta. Only reluctantly would he

mention that he was nearly hit

by machine-gun fire in the

mountains (the shot killed his

mule instead) or that he was

blown down a flight of steps

when an ammunition ship

exploded in Naples. After the

war his appointments includ-

ed a period as Commandant

of the Senior Officers' School.

and three years as Senior

Army Liaison Officer in Cana-

da. His final post was as

Deputy Director of Military

Training at the War Office.

Towards the end of Thubron's life a dormant skin

cancer erupted — it had been

bred by the tropical sun from

his early years in India and in

North Africa - and necessitat-

ed several operations. Endur-

ing them all with witty self-

deprecation, he surfaced from

his anaesthetic to mutter at the

intravenous tube in his arm:

One drip healing another."

id. But like many soldiers he

was unwarlike in tempera-ment and delighted in sketch-

ing and wildlife. His marriage

to Eve Dryden (of the family of

the poet John Dryden) was for

more than 60 years the central

happiness of his life. Of his

three children, his daughter

Carol died by accident aged

21; his son is the travel writer

and novelist Colin Thubron;

and later he adopted a second

daughter, Sarah.

Never was a man less insip-

He retired in 1956.

of All Souls College, but, tragically, during the first year of his tenure suffered a stroke which impaired his speech and undermined his great energy. Undeterred by this disability, he was determined to carry on his

Always happier in the field than at his desk, he began looking for another major site to excavate and settled on the city of Amorion, the central defensive post of Byzantine Asia Minor, famous in history and legend.

It was not an easy site to work on, hot and dusty in the summer and lacking the most basic facilities. But it offered rich rewards. A lesser man might well have hesitated to take on such a task, but Harrison plunged into it with his usual enthusiasm. In 1991 the university made it possible for him to retire from teaching and his chair, and to take the new title of Research Professor of Roman Archaeology. He was determined to



continue with Amorion. In spite of his diminished vigour and the diffi-culty of obtaining funds, he put in six gruelling seasons, the last in August 1992. Within a fortnight of his return home he died. He had returned, however, enthusiastic about the season just completed and

looking forward to the next.
In 1959 he married Elizabeth Harkness-Browne, who was his con-stant companion and helper in all his archaeological ventures. Naturally gregarious, open and generous, he was the antithesis of the pedantic professor and had a wide circle of friends, many of whom were also his collaborators and former students.

His early death deprives Oxford of a scholar who would have done even more to develop late Roman archaeology, beyond its traditional European stronghold and restrictive chronological limits. It also leaves a great deal of unfinished business which, it is hoped, others will carry forward.

He is survived by his wife, a son and three daughters.

law both eminent silks, he

certainly enjoyed an enviable

legal pedigree. Born in Wim-

bledon, with a second home

near Chepstow, he went to

Clifton College and Trinity,

Oxford, where he read classics

before being called to the bar in 1925. He served in the

Royal Observer Corps from 1938 to 1940 but then spent

the war working at Blenheim

Palace as a War Office civil

assistant, on duties which he

never disclosed, even to his

He was made recorder of

Worcester in 1946 and deputy

chairman of Staffordshire

Quarter Sessions in 1956.

resigning from both appoint-

ments on joining the National

Insurance Commission.

Meanwhile he served on the

general council of the Bar in

1939-40 and again between 1952 and 1956, and on the

Supreme Court Rule Commit-

tee. 1952-56.

family.

APPRECIATIONS

Ian Godfrey

YOUR obituary of Ian Godfrey (September 10) rightly dwelt on his contribution to the world of art and pottery.

Little is known about his early days and some might argue that they are of minor interest. I would disagree with that view because it was in that period. during the late 1950s and early 1960s, that his unorthodox attitudes and beliefs were formed.

It is almost 30 years since lan and I saw each other. However, for five years or so we were close fraternal companions. At that stage he was attending the Camberwell School of Art and was making the transition from painting to

My most vivid recollection of him was his wonderful sense of humour which he not unnaturally introduced into his work. That sense of humour, which we shared, has staved with me to this day.

He was the least pretentious person I ever knew and his intense enthusiasm for the things which he considered important was infectious. He nad a childlike simplicity allied to a determination to go his own way.

His passion for form relating to objects from the distant past was exhibarating for me. At that time he was having a "love affair" with pre-Colum-

bian art Diffident, even shy, in his relationships with other people, and quite indifferent to contemporary everyday matters, he always seemed to

me a man out of time. News of his premature death, despite my having neither seen nor spoken to him for so long, made me realise what a rare creature he was. The description whimsical and, perhaps, mythological, has been used by others, and it

seems entirely apposite.

Ian would have been indifferent to yet another seal of approval bestowed on him by the Establishment these past few weeks, but would have revelled in the irony of the situation. He was nothing, if not an outsider.

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His imperishable memorial is enshrined in his unique and unclassifiable "pots" and, for me, in his integrity. My joy is that I was there at the nativity of what history might decide is an eternal talent and that I knew the man.

John Houlihan

Admiral Sir Guy Grantham

THE obituary on Sir Guy Grantham (September 12) finished with his period as Governor of Malta in 1962. From 1962 to 1970 he was a member of the Common-wealth War Graves Commission and its vice-chairman from 1963 to 1970. He was an assiduous member of the commission, touring to see its

world-wide work.
In March 1965 1 was serving as the commission's area superintendent in the Eastern Mediterranean when Sir Guy came to Greece and Turkey to see that all was well before the pilgrimage of 350 Anzac veterans on the 50th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli.

We visited all the 32 cemeteries in Anzac, Suvia and Helles areas in spite of the difficult ground terrain which in places was not passable with

a four-wheel-drive tractor, so we walked. As well as being a great ambassador for the commisespecially small children, many of whom were serving in remote locations. I well remember the help he gave my seven-year-old son to light a fire of brush-wood to boil the kettle for tea on a damo March day in Greece.

the staff and their families.

sion he took a great interest in

I AM deeply saddened that Richard Burns (obituary, Sep-tember 9) may have felt that public and financial recognition was too often withheld from him. This is almost unhearably poignant because he was indeed one of the finest novelists of his generation. The Arts Council provided him with one of its Writers' Bursaries only two years ago.

pressures. Richard Burns was identified by the judges in 1991, Nina Bawden, Alison Blair-Underwood and Kamala Markandaya, as an out-standing talent whose development they encourage. It is tragic that by his own

dened by immediate financial

hand this promise is cut off. but the achievement which remains will be lastingly impressive.

> Dr Alastair Niven Literature Director Arts Council

> > 1936

Richard Burns...

These are highly competitive but they allow writers to have a period of time during which they can simply write unbur-

An honorary doctorate of law was conferred on him by Newcastle university in 1976 and he was made an honorary knight of the philanthropic Society of Knights of the Round Table in 1972. His only publication was The National Insurance Commissioners, published as a paperback by Hamlyn in 1976. His old job now belongs to the Chief Commissioner of the Office of Social Security Com-

missioners. A diffident man with great charm, Micklethwait took to mountaineering as a young man and scaled the Matterhorn, among other Alpine peaks. In later years he took to organic gardening, introducing white lines to guide him through the cabbages when impeded by failing sight.

He leaves a widow, daughter and three sons.

SIR ROBERT **MICKLETHWAIT**

however, if Micklethwait

could not have climbed still

higher in his profession if he

had been more overtly ambi-

tious. When elected a bencher

while still only a junior, he had

to give a customary undertak-

ing not to take silk for at least

The main purpose of this was to inhibit "leap-frogging." As most benchers were QCs.

elected according to seniority

and distinction, a barrister who took silk while a young

bencher, would be jumping

the queue of aspiring senior

Sir Robert "Robin" (Gore) Micklethwait, QC. a former chief national insurance commissioner. died on September 8 aged 89. He was born on November 7, 1902.

FROM the moment he became a deputy national insurance commissioner in 1959, it was assumed that Robin Micklethwait had been preselected to succeed to the top job. His aunt Dame Louisa Aldrich-Blake, the first Englishwoman to become a master of surgery, had bequeathed him a deep interest in (and understanding of medicine. Together with his reputation as a lawyer, this made him seem a natural candidate for

the post. He accordingly inherited the mantle two years later, as national insurance and industrial injuries commissioner hearing social security appeals. He held the appointment until 1975, the title having been changed to that of chief commissioner nine

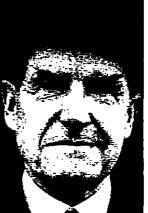
vears earlier. He did much to add legal authority to the system, establishing case law to replace bureaucratic controls and lending his own reputation to the role. A man of huge integrity and sense of duty. Micklethwait was knighted in

1964. At the same time he progressed within the Middle Temple. He was made a bencher in 1951, taking one of the few places reserved for iunior counsel, was Autumn Reader (lecturing to legal students) in 1964, deputy treasurer in 1970 and finally treasurer (effectively the president of an inn of court) in the following year.

Some colleagues wonder,

advocates. Micklethwait scrupulously observed the undertaking (not all did) and did not take silk until 1956. But the moment at which a barrister takes silk is always a matter of delicate timing, if he is not to

Some say Micklethwait missed the best window of aspiring High Court judge.



lose out in the scramble for

opportunity. Had he leapt through it at the right moment he might well have become the head of the Oxford circuit -usually a stepping stone for an With a father and father-in-

SEPT 16 ON THIS DAY

学会结果

Jack Buchanan in top hal white tie and tails, danced, flirted and joked his way through some well-loved musical shows in between the two world wars. Elsie Randolph, who died in 1982, dancer, singer and lively actress, was perhaps his ideal partner.

PALACE THEATRE "THIS'LL MAKE YOU WHISTLE"

Book by Guy Bolton and Fred Thompson; Music and Lyrics by Sigler, Goodhart and Hoffman. Bill Hopping Jack Buchanan

Archie Codrington...... David Reggie Benson William Kendall

Joan Longhurst......Jean Gillie Laura Buxton......Sylvia Leslie Mrs Longhurst.... Maidie Hope Bobbie Rivers Elsie Randolph Mrs Crimp......Irene Vere Uncle Sebastian ... Charles Stone Mr Jack Buchanan chooses to call his new entertainment neither a musical comedy nor a revue, but simply a show. It is indeed as loosely constructed as must be the joints of Mr David Hutcheson, who performs such serpentine evolutions with intoxicated legs. But, by pushing the conventional plotlessness of musical comedy a stage nearer than has been previously done to the point of having no plot at all, he gains a sort of evenness of texture which gives a different kind of unity to the whole. The clowning is all of a piece; there is none of the uneasy shifting back and forth between sugary sentiment and red-nosed farce

which sometimes makes

these performances a succes-

sion of jolts for the audience: everything is on the same

plane of cheerful idiocy. The nearest approach to a plot consists of a series of episodes, in which Mr Buchanan, who is already on

with the new love and reasonably desires to be off with the old, endeavours to destroy his own reputation in the eyes, first of the uncle from whom the lady to be discarded has expections. and then of the lady herself. The respectable Uncle Sebastian turns out to be the victim of lifelong repressions, which the example of Mr Buchanan at last breaks through, with catastrophic results upon his behaviour. and the conspirator, having failed as a rake, has to try his luck as a criminal. This is all: and it is not very new; but Mr Buchanan has an engag-ing faculty of making old jokes sound new, and mak-

noticed were funny at all. The chief success of the evening is that of Miss Elsie Randolph, blandly and impudently occupying the centre of the conspiracy, and dancing with an ease and variety that make the dance seem the only natural means of locomotion. She should. however, be relieved of a peculiarly ugly and stupid turn entitled "You've got the wrong Rumba." Miss Jean Gillie, as the new love of Mr Buchanan, has a simple grace, and would no doubt establish a ready intimacy with the audience in a smaller theatre; but her pleasant voice has not the power for so large a stage. The bold primary colours, and final black and white, used for dressing the chorus, make many pretty pictures.

ing new mirth out of lines

that no one else would have

Horticulture

Autumn gold medals galore at Westminster show

By Alan Toogood, horticulture correspondent

land in late March and came into leaf in mid-July.

Redruth, Cornwall. They maples. Principally Plants, of The Sir Harold Hillier Gar-

dens and Arboretum, of Ampfield, Hampshire, have staged a collection of fruits from ornamental plants, such as the red strawberry-like fruits of Cornus kousa chinensis, the blue "beans" of Decaisnea fargesii, and the large pink fruits of Magnolia tripetala. Notcutts Nurseries. of Woodbridge, Suffolk, are

autumn colour and interest, including a columnar mountain ash, Sorbus 'Ghose', with red berries, an ideal tree where space is limited. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal. A collection of conifers with

attractive foliage has been staged by Sheffield Park Garden, of Uckfield, East Sussex. This gold-medal exhibit includes blue, gold and pendulous kinds: and Pinus montezumae with large bunches of long glaucous needles forms a dramtic focal point.Other gold-medal winners are S. and N. Brackley, of Wingrave. Buckinghamshire (sweet peas): Heather and Brian Hiley, of Wallington,

Surrey (tender perennials); C. and K. Jones, of Tarvin. Chester (roses); Marston Exotics, of Madley, Hereford and Worcester (carnivorous plants); Three Counties Nurseries, of Bridport, Dorset (garden pinks); Philip Tivey and Sons, of Syston, Leicestershire (dahlias); and Tropical Rain Forest of Leeds, West

There are autumn-flowering bulbs of all kinds, including colchicums and miniature hardy cyclamen. Broadleigh Gardens, of Bishops Hull. Somerset, are featuring colchicums, including the new 'Pink Goblet with large gobletshaped pink-mauve flowers.

gentians. Gentiana ornata. which is best grown in a trough, is included in the exhibit from Edrom Nurseries, of Coldingham. Berwick-

Street, Westminster, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

AUTUMN has arrived slightly early this year, which has enabled better displays of autumn foliage tints and berries to be staged at the Royal Horticultural Society's great autumn show than has been possible in recent years. The well-supported show,

which opened in Westminster yesterday, is also strong on roses and dahlias. A large exhibit of dahlias from Aylett Nurseries, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, forms an impressive centrepiece in the New Hall. Virtually every class of dahlia is represented. The exhibit has been awarded a gold medal. Autumn leaf colour is pro-

vided mainly by cultivars of

Pulborough, West Sussex. have come up with the novel idea of duplicating their collection of cultivars, half showing summer foliage and the other half autumn leaf colour. So one can see, for example, how... Acer palmatum 'Suminigashi' looks in summer when dad with green foliage and in autumn when it turns deep scarlet. The plants in summer foliage were imported in the dormant state from New Zea-

Trees, shrubs and other ornamental plants are featured in a large gold-medal exhibit from Burncoose and Acer palmatum or Japanese South Down Nurseries, of

range from a fiery group of Crocosmia 'Orangeade', C. 'Red Star', Nandina domestica 'Firepower', Mahonia bealei and kniphofias, to a "cool" group of blue hydrangeas and variegated-leaved

also showing hardy plants for

Yorkshire (bromeliads).

Autumn-flowering gentians

are creating brilliant splashes of blue throughout the show. The collection from Holden Clough Nursery, of Bolton-by-Bowland, Lancashire, indudes a new hybrid with extra large flowers named 'Excelsior, which produces its vivid blue flowers from August to late October. The smallest of the autumn

shire. The show, in the Old and New Horticultural Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat

Major calls off Spanish trip as pound plunges

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bilateral meetings between Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, and spending ministers is now over, and tomorrow's meeting, chaired by Mr Lamont, be the first at which priorities for next year are determined.

One minister closely involved said that the problems involved in this year's round "dwarfs anything we have seen before" and the prime minister's decision to weigh in himself showed how hard it may be to keep to the agreed spending level of £244 billion. Michael Howard, the envi-ronment secretary, is understood to be seeking about £2 billion extra to ease the impact of the council tax.

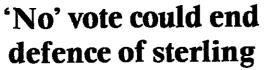
Labour said that the government had at last recognised the seriousness of the economic situation. Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, said: "Having refused a request to recall Parliament in order to debate the grave state of the British economy, the prime minister, by his decision to cancel his visit to Spain, has admitted how serious the situation has become. But there is little point in taking this decision and remaining in Britain unless he ceases his policy of inactivity and begins to act on jobs. industry and the housing market

In Strasbourg yesterday Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, said he supported the government's commitment not to devalue the pound. He also insisted that the Bundesbank was not bowing to political pressure from Bonn in a speech which appeared to confirm that the German government is anxious to keep the Maastricht treaty on track.

He welcomed the devalua-tion of the lira and added that realignment of the monetary system should not be necessary in the coming weeks: "I am certainly not envisaging such a measure at this point. For the moment member governments have undertaken to maintain their exchange rates."

Asked about the pound. now the weakest currency in the system, Herr Waigel said: "I don't think the govern-ment of the UK would accept a realignment. I think that is right, I respect that decision." He said Britain had a "completely different" budgetary policy to Italy.

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past currency crises. Italy has lost almost all its international reserves and now owes up to DM24 billion to the German government to repay the Bundesbank's intervention. Eventually the lira was still devalued despite interest rates of almost 20 per cent.

"Most people have been surprised by the scale of the speculative flows," said one senior offical, adding that the effects of financial deregulation and the abolition of exchange controls around the world, had transformed the odds faced by central banks in trying to defends their exchange rates. "The willingness to respond in all dimensions, including interest rates and intervention, has got to be in proportion to the size fo the flows and these are much

bigger than ever before". Asked what level of interest rates might be required to stop a speculative attack on sterling, this official pointed to Sweden. Sweden has raised interest rates as high as

75 per cent and said it would raise foreign borrowings of up to 25 per cent of its GDP to defend the krona. In relation to the size of Britain's economy this would be equivalent to £150 billion. "I am not suggesting that we would have to what they did in Sweden, but it does give an indication of the scale of the

Asked whether a two-per-centage point increase in interest rates would suffice to defend sterling in the case of a French "no" vote he said: "It is all a matter of convincing the markets of our seriousness. It would be a major step to have an increase of two, three or four percentage points, and the government has made it clear that such an increase would take place if

doubts, in the markets and in official circles, about Britain's ability to defend the pound even if its prepared to take



Future voters: Paddy Ashdown meeting children yesterday at a creche provided for Liberal Democrat delegates in Harrogate

Conference sketch

Enter Joseph ... pursued by an ass

Yesterday, Charles Kennedy MP, president of the Liberal Democrats, made his annual speech to delegates: eloquent, thoughtful, in-tellectually streets ahead of the others. Mr Ashdown made a welltrailed visit to a creche. We were able to compare two diverging

Nobody knows why Kennedy omitted the quotation from Waiting for Godot which appeared in his prereleased text: "The tears of the world are a constant quantity. For each one who begins to weep, somewhere else another stops. The same is true of the laugh." Perhaps it came too close to an allied thought: that the nincompoopery of this world is also a constant quantity. For each clown who ceases cavorting for the media circus, there is another to pick up the mop and silly nose. Neil Kinnock has quit the photo-op champi-onships. Yesterday, Paddy Ashdown visited a hostel for homeless young families.

I arrived before him, to encounter an extraordinary scene. In the room he was to enter, facing a terrifying bank of lights, cameras and microphones, sat four frightened-looking young women and a timid youth

with no socks. The group was arranged in a semi-circle around the stage-props of a nursery: mini-tram-polene, red plastic rocking-machine, tray of wooden building blocks and wendy-house.

The first woman, who was blonde, held in her arms a female toddler, also blonde. The second woman (auburn) held a tiny baby (auburn fluff). A brown-haired woman in hot-pants rocked a medium-sized baby (bakl). The young man sat on the floor, staring at the carpet. The lights went up. The whole scene resen an audition for a nativity play, awaiting Joseph.

Behind the cameras (there were eight), journalists and interviewers were already assembled: in total 15. This was a small room but it was not clear whether we were supposed to make any kind of direct contact with the cast. Nobody did. We were reluctant to disturb on-stage arrangements. The human tableau sat silent, frozen.

But where was Joseph? Outside, a bronze Mercedes pulled up. "He's just coming to the door," whispered a party official. Camera-men readied tripods.In strode Jo-

seph, purposefully. Had the cam-eras missed this moment, he would have gone out again and strode in. purposefully, a second time. "Hiyah!" he said to the women, and - it being clear that the microphones thrust before him were switched on

began a stilted conversation.
"Sorry about that crew," he said, pointing reproachfully at us whom his press handouts had urged to attend. "It's crowded, isn't it?" he quipped, lunging at the babies, cameras in his wake. Someone whispered: "There's gonna be a baby squashed before the day's out."

'So you're here?" he remarked, illuminatingly, to one mother. Mrs Ashdown sat next to the wendy-house looking disgusted, while he fingered the back of her neck.
"When do you think you'll be able

to move?" he asked another mother. "We don't want to. It's nice here" she said. Oops. The toddler retreat-ed into the wendy-house, barricad-ing itself in while Paddy urged Jane to pour some mock-tea from the toddier's toy teapot. She knelt down at the wendy-house door ("oh my knees!") and solicited a cup from the toddler: "Then I can tip it over that funny man," said Mrs Ashdown,

with a sudden smile. The toddler obliged. Joseph continued to crossquestion the Marys as to their personal circumstances. Cameras whirred. Then, as camera-noise subsided: "Okay. Right. Well, thanks

very much indeed." "TV crew back up," an official shouted, "stills-cameras in." This didn't need soundtrack. "Can you look at each other, Paddy and Jane," shouted a photographer. Click, flash. Then Mr Ashdown moved to the other end of the room (different backdrop) and conducted two quick interviews about Bosnia.

Then he left for the conference creche. Having scared the mums, it was time to frighten the kids.

The conference itself debated I prostitution. A Welsh delegate made a brave if unlikeable speech, calling prostitution a disease to be eliminated, not legalised.

She got an icy reception from an audience few if any of whom would use a prostitute. At a Tory conferthe rafters by a great many men who

MATTHEW PARRIS

Britain details Bosnia forces

Continued from page 1 new batch of UN troops have yet to be discussed. A planning team leaves for Zagreb tomorrow to make arrangements for the arrival of British troops. The other main contributors will be France. Canada and Spain. The routes for the convoys and the location of the battalion groups include areas that have been affected by fierce fighting, such as between Sarajevo and Gorazde. Banja Luka and Bihac.

To underline the potential dangers for the British troops, Muslim. Croat and Serb forces engaged in artilery and infantry battles across Bosnia, adding to the official toll of 80 dead and 550 wounded in the 24 hours up to yesterday morning. The Bosnian Serb news

agency reported Muslim attacks around Bihac and in eastern Bosnia and said Croats had fired on Bosanski Brod across the river which divides Croatia from north-ern Bosnia. Sarajevo radio said Yugoslav aircraft had hit Bihac and that Serb forces had attacked Jajce, Bihac, Tuzla and Zeba as well as

suburbs of Sarajevo. The Muslim-held Bosnian town of Sokolac in the northwest of the former Yugoslav republic was "practically de-stroyed" in a Serb air raid on Monday, it was reported yesterday. It was described as the most serious air attack of the Bosnian war so far.

In spite of the upsurge in fighting, Bosnia's leaders bowed to international pressure yesterday and reluctantly agreed to attend peace talks in Geneva on Friday. President Izetbegovic changed his mind, after initially announcing that he would boycott the meeting. Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader and Mate Boban, the Croat leader, are also expected.

Following the arrival in Britain of the wounded from Bosnia yesterday, the Foreign Office said that although each case would be reviewed after six months, there was an open-ended commitment "in view of the present situation".

Claud Vaillat, a spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva which arranged the flight and requested the British government's assistance, said the mission was a landch might bera freeing of thousands of other detainees.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,025 26 Philanthropy? It's part of a fallible heresy! (15). **ACROSS** I Ugly surroundings of square

- where bandits lurk (4-4). 5 Orders to a senior officer if cut off
- 10 Frenzied Malawi going round in circles fuel is hard to find (8.7). 11 Original estate holds right to a court record (7)..
- 12 One of a couple liable to be removed by a keeper (3.4).13 Where the highwayman demanded your money? (4-4). 15 Old form of chair lift (5).
- 18 More mature sample of alcohol derivative (5). 20 Tinker makes a profit, the cunning fellow (8). 23 Repellent old woman holding
- mass of dough has to move clumsily (7). 25 Camp in small cottage by lake

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A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

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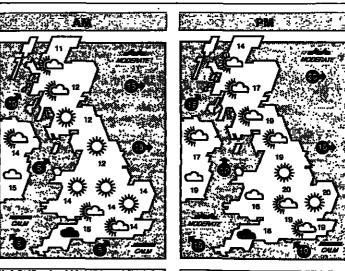
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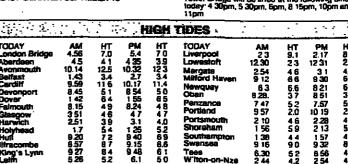
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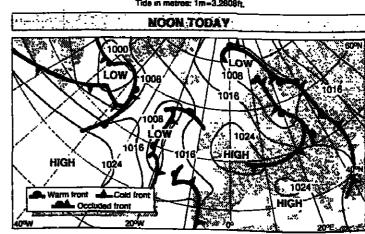
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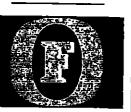


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STOCKED UP

The proceeds of last year's rights issue helped MB-Caradon to a 28 per cent pre-tax profits rise Tempus, page 22

FLAT BREW



Foster's Brewing, a 1980s glamour stock, has had to shore up its A\$951 million of losses

DELTA DOWN

Delta Group has held the dividend at 4.2p a share, despite first-half pre-tax profits down from £33.1 million to £31.0 million Tempus, page 22

JOBS BOOST



In Antrim, 500 jobs will be created by the reopening of an artificial fibres plant closed for ten years Page 20

Bank of England stance surprises dealers

Pound falls close to ERM floor against mark

By George Sivell

STERLING fell perilously Italy was forced to intervene to defend the lira, which still suffers from a lack of conficlose to its absolute floor against the mark yesterday as foreign exchange dealers dence in the Italian economy, speculated increasingly on the prospects of a French No largely because of the huge state deficit. vote in the Maastricht The peseta also struggled. It was undermined by weakness referendum, creating tur-moil in the European exof both the pound and the lira. change-rate mechanism. The pound closed at its

lowest since May 16, 1990. Britain joined the ERM in

in the firing line on Monday

morning if the French vote no.

even if the worst fears of a

fragmentation of the ERM

are overplayed. A reversion to the earlier ERM habit of frequent realignments is seen

By the official 4pm close of London trading, the pound had fallen to DM2.7812, a

drop of 3.19 pfennigs on the

day. At one point dealers said it hit DM2.7800, the lowest

since the pound joined the ERM and just a whisker

above the DM2.7780 abso-

lute floor against the mark. At

this level the Bank of England

must intervene to support the

pound or, if that fails, the

government must authorise a

rise in interest rates. The

previous low was DM2.7807,

Dealers expressed surprise

that they did not detect any

Bank of England support for

sterling against the mark.

although they did not rule out

the possibility of covert inter-vention. Traders noted that

the Bank might not have intervened because the pound did not reach its ERM floor.

But the Bank is clearly sitting

on the £7.25 billion loan

raised ten days ago to support

the pound and could be ex-

pected to use that in the next

Economists noted an unusually high volume of ru-

mours during the day which started after the lira had

plunged towards its own floor

in the ERM only one day after

a devaluation. Just a day after

it appeared the ERM tensions

had been eased, the Bank of

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reached on August 25.

The Spanish currency fell to DM65.30 before the central bank intervened. It has not been allowed to dip more than October that year.

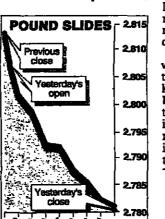
Dealers believe the lira, the pound and the peseta will be fraction below DM65, its ERM mid-point against the mark, in recent weeks.

The London stock market was especially gloomy, unsettled by the pound and weakness in the dollar. The FT-SE 100 index fell 52.1 points to close at 2,370. In view of the public outcry

in Germany after this week's Bundesbank cuts and the need to finance reunification and keep down inflation, dealers believe it is unlikely the Germans would act again, throwing the pressure back on to individual currencies to hold their heads above water. either by intervention, interest rate increases or devaluation. Economists said that the

crucial lesson of the lira devaluation and German interest rate cut was that market forces could hold sway over the ERM. Having seen one realignment this week the markets are happier to speculate on more, especially if there is a No vote on Sunday.

Kevin Darlington, econo-mist at UBS Phillips & Drew,



said: "Just above the ERM floor is the best place to trade sterling."
Against the dollar, the

pound slipped 0.61 cents to \$1.8875. But one of yesterday's problems was a fall in the dollar against the mark. It reached DM1.4650 before rebounding to DM1.4760 after American August retail sales figures showed the biggest drop for five months. American dealers, however, said they were more preoccu-pied with the tensions in Europe than their own domestic weakness. The dollar closed at DM1.4885 in London on Monday evening.
August retail sales fell 0.5

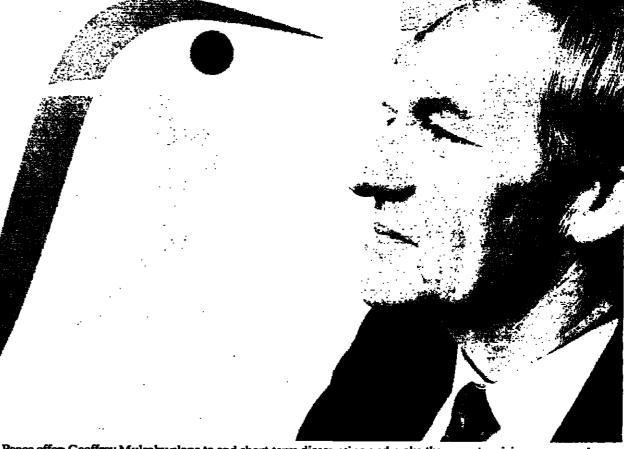
per cent. Economists had forecast a decline of 0.1 per cent. July's rise was revised upwards to 1.0 per cent from 0.5 per cent. Sales of durable goods fuelled the August deline, sliding 1.6 per cent.

August American consumer prices rose a slightly larger than expected 0.3 per cent, 0.2 per cent excluding food and energy. Dealers had been looking for a rise of 0.2 per cent or lower as signalling a further interest rate easing by the Federal Reserve, possibly by the end of this week. In Britain, analysts are al-

ready speculating on what will happen if there is a No vote. Stephen Hannah, director of research at IBJ International Bank, said: "I think we will get through this week ... but sterling remains in the firing line and there are still some major hurdles to be cleared, not least the French referen-

"If the French do decide to vote no, we could see renewed turbulence on exchange markets which could put the British in the same position the Italians found themselves in last weekend. The government would have to use the interest rate weapon, intervention would not be enough."

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Peace offer: Geoffrey Mulcahy plans to end short-term discounting and make the group's pricing more consistent

Factory gate prices rise at lowest rate in 24 years

By George Sivell

INFLATIONARY pressures continued to slacken last month as the price of goods charged by manufacturers at the factory gate rose by the

lowest rate in 24 years.
At 3.3 per cent in the year to August, the rate of increase of output prices was the lowest since February 1968.

Output price growth gradually climbed throughout the late eighties and reached a peak of around 6 per cent in mid-1991 before falling sharply to present levels. In the three months to August, the seasonally adjusted index rose by 0.8 per cent compared with the previous three months.

The August rate was a slight decrease on July's 3.4 per cent. itself a steady fall from the 4.4 per cent registered in February. Economists said that the fall reflected a dip in food prices as well as a fall in input

Prices paid by manufacturfell by 1.9 per cent in the year to August, reflecting a 2.2 per cent fall from July. Between July and August the unadjusted input price index fell by 2.2 per cent, largely reflecting an exceptional fall in the price of

far this year, against a target stated in the Budget of £28 food manufacturing materials. But even on a seasonally adjusted basis, the input index

fell by 1.9 per cent. Unadjusted input prices have fallen every month this year apart from February and April when they were flat or rose slightly. The adjusted prices rose only in June and

Input prices have not fallen as smoothly as output prices. Rises hit 8 per cent in July 1987 before falling sharply, with prices repeatedly show ing negative growth in 1990 and 1991.

Between July and August oil product prices fell 0.2 per cent, food manufacturing materials 1.7 per cent and metal prices 0.1 per cent. The news was overshad-

owed by events on the foreign exchanges and by the prospect of not such good news to come

rowing for August, which is likely to have run at £4 billion after £600 million in July, traditionally a good month for tax receipts. This would take the government's borrowing requirement to £15.3 billion so

Tomorrow the government reports on jobless figures, which are expected to have gone up by another 25,000 or so during July, taking the August unemployment rate up to 9.8 per cent. Accompanying earnings figures are expected to show a 6 per cent rise, a repeat of the July figure but a fall on the June figure of 6.25 per cent.

Also tomorrow, industrial production figures are due for July and are expected to show a monthly fall of 0.1 per cent. pointing to an annual fall of 2.3 per cent, the same as reported in June. Manufacturing production is expected to have fallen by 0.2 per cent in July, pointing to a decline year on year of 1.7 per cent.

On Friday, provisional money supply figures are also expected to point to a flat economy. They are expected to show a slightly negative M0 during August. This monetary aggregate shows mainly notes and coins in circulation. Economists expect to see an annualised rise of 5.6 per cent in the broader M4 measure.

DIY price war hits Kingfisher

By Michael Tate

THE price war in the DIY market cost Kingfisher a profits increase in the six months to August 1. Its B&Q chain, the market leader, was the only division to record a setback, from £46.4 million to £40.1 million at the operating profit level. That, however. was enough to wipe out improvements in the group's Woolworths, Comet and Superdrug networks.

Group pre-tax profits lipped from E70.6 million to £67.8 million, which produced unchanged earnings of 9.2p a share. The interim dividend is lifted to 4.2p (4p).

Geoffrey Mulcahy, the chairman and chief executive, unveiled plans to defuse the price war by offering more consistent pricing instead of short-term discounting. Woolworths made a tiny profit in the first half, but hopes a new range of computer games and software will bring a good Christmas. The group said a ruling by the Office of Fair Trading on Superdrug's discount selling of perfumes. which has upset manufacturers, was "imminent".

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Unions urge Major to boost EC jobs

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

LEADERS of Europe's workers urged John Major to make lower interest rates and lower unemployment priorities for Britain's presidency of the European community.

Their call, at a meeting with the prime minister, upstaged an earlier visit by employers' leaders, who sidestepped currency problems and called for a new Gatt agreement and completion of the single mar-

ket to top the agenda.

Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry, said employers were committed to the ERM but believed resolving the currency crisis was outside

the scope of the presidency.
The European TUC, lead by
Norman Willis, its president, had no such doubts. In a onehour meeting at Admiralty House, senior trades unionists pressed Britain's prime minister to do all he could to reflate the European economies.

In addition to a cut in interest rates, they urged him tion of the single market.

to seek adoption of the socalled Delors II proposals. under which EC structural funds, for infrastructure spending, would rise from 1.4 per cent of the Community's

GDP to 1.7 per cent. The ETUC argued that recession and a surge in EC unemployment towards 17
million have created less
supportive conditions for the
achievement of the major Community objectives". Employers and unions would, the ETUC believed, seek to modify wage negotiations if policy

were changed. Carlos Ferrer, the president of Unice, the employers' organisation, called for urgent measures to improve the competitiveness of European firms. He said the desire of President Bush to complete a new Gatt deal ahead of the presidential election was encouraging for accord.

In addition, he said, the EC should concentrate on comple-

Pit to close with 1,400 out of work

By Patricia Tehan

BRITISH Coal is to close Trentham colliery, one of its most modern pits, with the

loss of 1,400 jobs. The closure comes as the power industry reveals that the long-awaited signing of a coal deal between British Coal and the power generators, National Power and PowerGen, has been delayed by the reluctance of two of the 12 regional electricity supply companies to

agree to the deal. Trentham, near Stoke-on-Trent, is losing £20 million a year and producing less than half its targeted 2 million tonnes a year capacity.

This is the eighth pit closure announced by British Coal since April, with over 8,000 jobs likely to be affected. Other closures are expected this year and next as British Coal is slimmed down for privatisation next year.

Terry Wheatley, British Coal's Midlands director, told staff that Trentham has increased its losses since its last fall by 19 per cent.

review in July and the com-pany believes "Trentham will not prove capable of providing the level of performance neces sary to secure (its) future". British Coal has not yet decided when the pit will close.

The coal contracts, due to be signed today, have been delayed by Eastern Electricity and Manweb. They are understood to be unhappy about the amount of coal-fired power they are expected to take under a new five-year contract and, to a lesser extent, about the price. There is pressure on the two to agree the deal as the other ten supply companies, the two power generators, British Coal and the government are believed to have already reached agreement.

Under the new contracts, to come into force next March, the generators will reduce the amount of coal they take from British Coal from 65 million tonnes a year to 40 million tonnes and the price is likely to

Shareholder saves blue-chip Scots bank

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ADAM & Company, the private Edinburgh bank, has been saved from collapse by a shareholder after two of its treasury dealers lost £21 million in unauthorised speculation in dollar futures. The unnamed investor, believed to be

the wealthy Schlumberger family which owns a third of the bank, has invested £21 million in preference shares to prevent a closure. Adam has also been thrown a lifeline by the Royal Bank of Scotland, which is supplying funds to meet any run on the bank. If Adam had not arranged a cash injection, the Bank of England would have forced it to close.

director, said the bank had only discovered the loss a few weeks ago, when it was preparing its year-end accounts. Two of the bank's treasury dealers in London had been secretly losing money on dollar futures. Instead of admitting the losses, they repeatedly doubled their position to try to recover the money, but the losses escalated as the dollar continued to fall.

The two dealers have been suspended and Adam has asked Price Waterhouse, the accountant, to find out how things could go so badly wrong. "We have to examine our controls thoroughly. If this can happen they were not good enough," said Mr Laurenson. The cost of the operation sent Adam plummeting to a loss of £5.06 million in the year to end-June, compared with an £869,000 profit bringing misery to 3,000 depositors.

June, compared with an £869,000 profit last time. This wiped out the bank's

reserves and left it with a £3.14 million deficit. The results included an exceptional loss of £6.57 million from the futures deals. The rest will be included in figures for the current year.

The hank has been forced to abandon its final dividend and has asked the Stock Exchange to suspend its shares, which are occasionally traded on a matched bargain basis. They will stay in suspension until PW's report is delivered in

Ironically, Adam has been hit by the loss in an otherwise record year. Operating profits rose by 57 per cent to £1.91 million as deposits rose by almost £8 million to £147 million. The shareholder who is rescuing Adam has been generous in the extreme but Adam will be paying for its error for decades.

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Fibres plant will create jobs for 500

AN ARTIFICIAL fibres plant at Antrim, Northern Ireland. which closed ten years ago, is to be re-opened by an Indonesian-American partnership. About 500 jobs are likely to be

Draft agreements were signed in Jakarta last week after more than two years of negotiations. The signatories were John McGuckian, chairman of the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board: Frank McCann, the board's acting chief executive: managers of the Indonesian group Texmaco, one of the world's largest manufacturers of man-made fibres; and Eastman Chemical, a Kodak

Ironically, it was cheap com-petition from Far Eastern manufacturers which, in the early 1980s, destroyed what was then western Europe's largest concentration of artificial fibre plants. Five out of six were closed, including the one now to reopen, a nylon plant run by British Enkalon, which was owned by Akzo, the Dutch

chemical company.

All were established during a wave of inward investment in the 1960s and, at their peak, employed almost 20,000 people. Today, only a Hoechst plant at Limavady. County Londonderry, survives on a much-reduced scale. making Acrilon. Du Pont's nylon plant at Maydown, near Londonderry, was replaced by a new facility making Kevlar, a high-strength structural fibre. The huge, abandoned

British Enkalon plant is now to be refurbished and equipped with high-tech machinery at a cost, it is understood, of about £15 million.

Although the project will be grant-aided by the development board; government as-sistance will not be offered to all parts of it, because of EC regulations on competition in

The main activity at the refurbished plant will be production of Microfiber, a polyester filament developed in Japan that is finer even than the thread of silkworms. It can be woven into fabrics, which. although water resistant, allow perspiration to escape, like natural fibres such as silk. linen and wool.

It is this quality that distinguishes Microfiber from almost all synthetic fibres to date, which has excited the fashion industry.

Officially, the development board is making no comment. But when Mr McGuckian and Mr McCann left for the Far East at the beginning of the month, on what was described as a "fact-finding tour", a company spokesman said: "We are looking at some projects in the region where it would be very helpful to have the top men involved."

News of the Antrim deal follows predictions by development board sources early this month that before the end of the year 12 new projects, involving investment of £40 million and 800 jobs, could be



Sending help: Mike Cass, a director of Tibbett & Britten Group, has helped to organise a relief aid trip to eastern Romania using one of the clothing and grocery distribution group's lorries (Philip

Pangalos writes). Organic growth in all divisions helped T&B to pre-tax profits ahead 6 per cent to £6.72 million in the six months to June 27. Turnover grew 20.6 per cent to £101.6 million. There is an

improved interim dividend of 3.8p (3.4p) a share, from earnings of 12.8p (12.3p) a share. Analysts expect fullyear pre-tax profits to reach about £14.5 million. The shares slid 27p to 577p.

Jeyes stays buoyant despite recession

By PHILIP PANGALOS

JEYES, the household cleaning products group that makes Parozone bleach and Wet Ones wipes, has again bucked depressed consumer markets with a healthy advance in firsthalf profits.

Jimmy Moir, managing di-rector, said Jeyes had benefit-ed from the "recession resistant" quality of its prod-ucts. "The markets for prod-ucts like bleach and tollet cleaner are still as good as they were last year;" he said. "Some markets are actually up."

Pre-tax profits advanced 19.8 per cent to £2.11 million in the 28 weeks to July 11, on turnover 16.6 per cent ahead to £35.9 million. The UK market accounted for about four fifths of sales but that will change after a recent German acquisition. Expansion into continental Europe is likely to result in 40 per cent of turnover coming from Britain, 20 per cent from Germany. 25 per cent from the rest of Europe and 15 per cent from the Far East and America.

There is no first-half profits contribution from Globol, a German-based air fresheners to toiletries maker acquired in July for £18.1 million. That followed Jeyes's successful £21 million rights issue, at 385p. Globol is expected to contribute more than £300,000 to second-half operating profits.

Mr Moir said healthy exports had helped the international business, but the industrial cleaners division had been affected by recession. An increased interim dividend of 3.1p (2.6p) is recom-mended. The shares fell 2p to

Crédit Lyonnais taking majority in Woodchester

CREDIT Lyonnais, the French bank, is taking a majority stake in Woodchester Investments, the Irish leasing company, by selling it a 30 per cent stake in Credit Lyonnais Leasing Europe (CLLE), its European leasing operations, for Fr200 million. Woodchester is paying with 9.47 million of its shares. This will raise Lyonnais's stake in Woodchester from 45.6 per cent to more than 48 per cent.

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Lyonnais has also announced it will buy more than 4 million Woodchester shares in the market to take the bank's stake to more than 50 per cent. Lyonnais has grouped its non-French leasing businesses into a specially created vehicle to allow Woodchester to take a strategic stake. Woodchester yesterday announced that it had suffered a 3 per cent fall in pre-tax profits in the first half of the year to IrE17.5 million (£16.86 million). However, the group is increasing its dividend by a fifth to Ir1.81p.

Cala reduces losses

A SHARP drop in provisions has helped reduce losses at Cala, the Aberdeen housebuilder and property group. In the year to end-June, the company made a pre-tax loss of only £980,000 compared with a £6.9 million loss the year before. Despite the improvement, a second successive year of losses has persuaded the board to cut the total dividend from 3.4p to 2.3p. To achieve this, the final dividend has been cut from

GPA conversion price

GPA Group, the aircraft leasing company, has set the conversion price of its \$300 million preference share issue at \$8 a share, according to aviation sources in Dublin. A listing for the refinancing package will be sought in Luxembourg by the end of this year. Next would come a listing of the ordinary and convertible shares in Dublin. Tony Ryan, who founded the firm and controls 8 per cent of the ordinary shares. intends taking up a sizable amount of the rights.

Trinity advances

TRINITY International Holdings, the newspaper publisher and paper maker that acquired 23 Scottish titles from Lonrho for £45 million in July, has unveiled a 14 per cent advance in interim pre-tax profits to £7.9 million for the six months to June 27. The improvement had been achieved in the midst of difficult economic conditions through "the continued judicious management of costs and increased market share". The interim is raised from 2.5p to 2.7p.

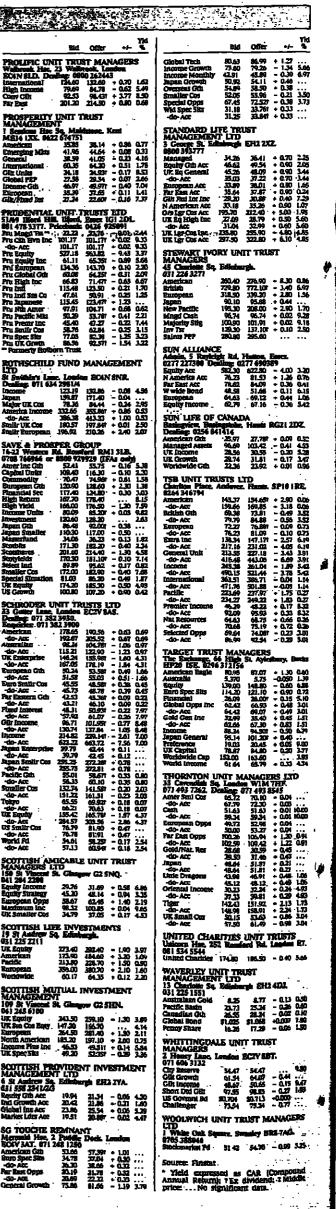
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Starmin growth **swells** earnings

BY MATTHEW BOND

STARMIN, a quarrying group run by the Abdullah brothers, has reported higher interim profits, despite what it describes as the worst recession for the construction and construction materials industry since the 1930s.

In the six months to June 30, pre-tax profits were £1.3 million, some 72 per cent up on last time. However, the big jump in profits was largely due to acquisitions made last year, financed by the proceeds of a £20 million rights issue. Earnings per share were unchanged at 0.3p, as is the interim dividend at 0.1p.

Owen Rout, the chairman. said there was no sign of an early end to the miserable trading conditions. "It is the board's view that the current recession will last through

Starmin's biggest acquisition last year was Warecrete, a Hertfordshire sand and gravel extractor, for which it paid £13 million. Mr Rout said Warecrete had settled into the group well.

Quarries in north-east Scotland were still performing well but soft limestone quarries along the A1 road had experienced very weak demand; their operations were therefore being cut to a minimum. A cost-cutting programme is being implemented and sav-ings should be significant in the second half. As a result, the board expects "a satisfactory outcome" for the year.

Call for share option reform

EXECUTIVES should not be allowed to exercise their options under share option schemes unless the company's shares outperform a standard benchmark, possibly the FT all-share index, the National Association of Pension Funds (NAPF) said yesterday.

The association was commenting on guidelines issued by the Association of British Insurers. In its document, Share Schemes - A Consultative Document, the NAPF said: "It is appropriate that reward under an executive share option scheme should be subject to some measure of

Foster's makes cash call as losses reach A\$951m

AND ANGELA MACKAY

FOSTER'S Brewing Group embarked on the long road to recovery yesterday with a A\$1.02 billion (£397 million) rights issue after reporting a devastating A\$951m loss for the year ending June 30.

The company, which was the Australian glamour stock of the early 1980s, was forced to restore its balance sheet with the fully underwritten rights issue and reconstituted its board with four directors from Broken Hill Propriety, Foster's biggest shareholder. Just before announcing the

results and the rights issue, BHP successfully tendered to the joint receivers of John Elliott's International Brewing for their 32 per cent stake in Foster's. John Prescott, BHP's chief executive, said: "The acquisition of the Foster's shares represents a major step forward in satisfying BHP's objective of realising full value for its investment.

Foster's Brewing revealed an improved contribution from the brewing operations offset by abnormal losses of A\$1.31 billion from the nonbrewing operations. Foster's Brewing business reported a 13 per cent rise in earnings before interest and tax, to A\$551.9 million. This was helped by improved contributions from Courage in Britain and Molson in Canada.

Directors also set out the profit prospects for this financial year in Foster's prospectus for its two-for-five rights issue priced at A\$1.10. They forepayments this year but said trading conditions remained difficult in the group's main markets, including Australia, the UK and Canada.

Earnings for the year were overwhelmed by A\$634 million in bad debt provision in the finance division. There were also write-downs and provisions, including A\$102 million for future operating and work-out costs, and A\$228 million against the value of the Inntrepeneur Estates, the pub joint venture in the UK, A\$73 million for a deficiency in the Courage pension funds, A\$64 million for restructuring, rationalisation and contingency costs. A\$56 million on other property as-sets and A\$31 million for an option premium on convert-



What a drag: Foster's puts John Elliott high up the league of corporate losers

Courage raised its earnings before interest and tax to A\$242 million (A\$168 million). Molson to A\$112 million (A\$88.5 million), while the Australian operation. Carlton & United Breweries, fell to A\$190 million (A\$232 million). Ted Kunkel, Foster's chief executive; said beer volumes were down 3 per cent in

both Australia and the UK Foster's and IBH, putting him and about 1 per cent in with Alan Bond at the top of the Australian corporate losers

The balance sheet also added to the woes of Mr Elliott, a The day's events worried investors who cut Foster's share price by 13 cents to a former Foster's chairman, who resigned from the board on Monday. Local analysis local close of A\$1.46 a share. sterday estimated that tak-The heavy trading took the ing into account Foster's latest company to its lowest level losses. Mr Elliott had presided since April 1989.

Arjo dives £430m in market on interim cut

By Jonathan Prynn

THE market value of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo French paper conglomerate, plummeted by £430 million yesterday as the shares slumped on news of a interim dividend cut and a bearish statement from the company on the outlook for trading.

The shares closed at 129p. down 53p on the day, valuing the group at just over £1 billion. They were trading at above 280p as recently as May, before a boardroom coup resulted in the departure of Stephen Walls, the former chief executive. Mr Wall's successor, Alain Soulas, yesterday took office at the group's headquarters.

Pre-tax profits for the half year to end-June fell 27 per cent from £135.5 million to £99.1 million on marginally increased sales of £1.3 billion. Cob Stenham, the chairman, said the results should be viewed against "a background of exceptionally difficult trading conditions in the world economy in general and the paper industry in particular". And he gave warning that there was little likelihood of any meaningful recovery in the markets in which the group operates "within the next 18 months". Trading conditions are not expected to improve and may deteriorate in the second half.

Operating profits slumped 23 per cent to £112.4 million, due almost entirely to a dedine in profits from the European paper manufacturing operations. The north American paper-making businesses reported operating profits up from £51.9 million to £53.3

The interim dividend was cut 20 per cent to 2.65p on earnings of 7.5p, down from 10.7p. Mr Stenham said it was the board's view that the final dividend will be reduced "by a similar proportion". Tony Isaac, the finance director, said the dividend cut reflected the company's desire to maintain full cover at the vear-end at more than two times. The balance sheet remained strong with half-year gearing of only 26 per cent and interest cover of nine times. Capital expenditure during the period was £82 million, about £40 million in

excess of depreciation.

Tec leaders want training credits for all unemployed

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

A CALL for every jobless person to be offered a statefunded credit to buy training has been made by leaders of Training and Enterprise Councils in England and Wales. The Tecs said simplified funding arrangements could enable them to lift the number of jobs offered to unemployed adults by 45 per cent over two years.

The proposals are part of a radical package of changes urged by the Tecs in response to a plea for fresh thinking from Gillian Shephard, the employment secretary. At present, only jobless school leavers are guaranteed the offer of a place on a government training scheme, and training credits are still available only in parts of the country.

Mrs Shephard will meet the leader of the Tec working party, Peter Wetzel, chairman of Barnsley and Doncaster Tec, in two weeks to discuss the proposals. An employment department spokeswoman said: "We will consider the recommendations carefully." The Tecs say training should be made far more flexible. The role of the govemment's employment service

should be restricted to provid-

ing the jobless with training credits, they believe. Under the regime proposed, Tecs would act as contracting organisations, procuring training courses targeted at

skill shortages after liaison with local companies. Mr Wetzel said: "We think our proposal will allow us to deliver better training for more people at the same total cost." The Tecs also urge a facility enabling jobless people to top up state training credits

through a state-funded "career

development loan". According to papers sent to Mrs Shephard by Mr Wetzel, only half of the £700 million or more spent by the government on its Employment Training and Employment Action schemes is used to procure training. More than £360 million is, in effect, a subsistence allowance for those taking part. The Tecs said the government should introduce an attractive training allowance that encourages people to leave the jobless register and retrain. Each scheme would lead to recognised

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qualifications. The study also argued that current allowance arrangements also represent, in our view, a great impediment to employer involvement". The Employment Service should pay closer attention to the potential of the jobless to retrain, rather than simply concentrating on those longest without work, the study said.

Leaders of the Tees are pressing Mrs Shephard to approve a pilot scheme to start in April 1994.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOLES GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £3.17m (£4.58m) EPS: 5.9p (8.5p) Div: 3.4p, mkg 5p (5p)

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Tumover fell to £62m (£67.3m). No sign of upturn in demand, but market share maintained. Gearing cut to 13 per cent (32 per cent). Last time's loss was £916,000.

Tumover fell to £73.7m (£111m). Exceptional gain: £38,000. Extraordinary debit: £477,000. There was an extraordinary debit of £4.95m. Turnover edged up to £34.4m (£33.4m). Company says

demand continues to improve. There was a profit of £869,000 last time. Previous total dividend was 2.7p. There is an exceptional charge of £355,000.

Turnover rose to £33.8m (£30.2m). Interest costs cut to £439,000 (£874,000). Company remains confident for the future.

Turnover fell to £58.7m (£60.3m). Operating profits were hampered by the severe African drought, which has affected tea production.

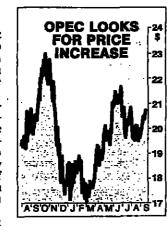
Island dispute adds to Opec squabbling

By GEORGE STVELL

THE ritual posturing of Opec energy ministers going into their strategy meeting in Geneva today has been given an added twist by a dispute over a tiny island in the Gulf.

Sharper than normal exchanges between Saudi Arabia, the traditional price dove and the largest Opec producer, and Iran, number two producer and the customary hawk, are expected because of what is claimed to have been Iran's annexation of Abu

It is claimed that on August 20, Iran, which is supposed to share control of the island with the United Arab Emirates, asked expatriates in the UAE half of the island to leave subsequently insisted



that all expatriates entering the island had Iranian entry

The island lies in UAE territorial waters halfway across the Gulf between the

UAE and Iran, and was partly occupied by Iran under the Shah in 1971 in a move that led to Baghdad breaking off relations with Tehran as a prelude to the Iran-Iraq war. The UAE is not only an Opec member but an ally of Saudi

This is the second time Iran has taken such action over Abu Musa. Its first action also preceded on Opec meeting, in May this year, and it is felt by Gulf observers that Iran's moves are designed to force the Saudis to take heed of Iranian oil price demands.

Maybe the Saudis will agree Iranian price moves this time, as they unexpectedly did at the May meeting. In May the Saudis apparently set out their stall for a rise in Opec production and Iran

was looking for a cut. In the event, the 23 million barrel-aday quota was rolled over. carrying the flexibility for battle-scarred Kuwait to increase production as and when it could. With many Opec producers

facing mounting trade defi-cits at home or, in the case of Venezuela, Nigeria and Algeria, heavy debts, a quick accord on maintained quotas for the fourth quarter of the year may be the most likely outcome. Oil market observ ers believe that Opec ministers would like to get prices for Opec oil back to \$21 a barrel from the prevailing \$19.40 and that a rollover of the present agreement going into the fourth quarter, rather than any increase in quotas, is likely to achieve this.

BRITISH FUNDS

THE pound's latest setback against the mark pulled the rug from under government securities, effectively wiping out the previous days' gains achieved on the back of lower European interest rates. As the pound sank agains

the mark, fears were revived

that the government may still be forced to raise interest rates to protect the currency. Fund managers and dealers appeared disillusioned with efforts to prop up sterling. The short end of the market was hit worst by the prospect of

dearer money, with losses reaching £112. Exchequer 934 per cent 1998 finished £13/32 lower at £1007/32. On the futures market, the Long Gilt ended £118 lower at £979/32 with fund managers unwilling to become further involved ahead of the French referendum. At the longer end. Conversion 9½ per cent 2004 lost £114 to £10223/32.

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A Community at Work



Arjo's earnings crumple in Europe

EVEN by current standards. the news from Ario Wiggins Appleton was exceptionally

A chairman's statement detailed the reasons for the 27 per cent fall in first-half pretax profits to £99.1 million and ended with the comment that it was difficult to see any likelihood of an upturn in the group's main markets within the next 18 months.

As if to underscore the severity of the difficulties facing the group, the interim dividend was cut by 20 per cent to 2.65p, even though a maintained payout would have been more than twice covered. The message was not wasted on the market, which cut the share price by 52p, to leave it at 130p at close of

play.

The problems are concentrated in Arjo's European coated and carboniess paper operations, which have been hit by market overcapacity and price erosion, respectively. As a result, operating profits from the European paper manufacturing operations fell from £90 million to £52 million with little immediate sign of any short-term

improvement.
The performance in America was much more robust. with operating profits up on last year. For the full year, however, some of the cream will be skimmed off the American figures by the weakness of the dollar during the sec-

Behind the scenes, solid

work is being carried out in cutting costs, capital investment and realising synergy benefits: in the fullness of time, this will bear fruit.

The danger is that the damage done to the stock's image in the meantime will be so debilitating that even when the upturn comes, the shares will be unable to recover their

Pre-tax profits for the full year will struggle to reach much beyond £160 million. giving 12p of earnings. The share price should be underpinned by the expected 6.7p dividend, which converts to a yield of 6.8 per cent. Even so. the argument for the upside is

MB Caradon

ATTENTION yesterday was focused on the questions MB Caradon did not answer, rather than on those it did.

Ouestions such as: what is the long-term future of its 25 per cent interest in Carnaud-Metalbox, which contributed £20.6 million to interim pretax profits - 15 per cent up on the first half of 1991 - and yet looks curious as part of a company that prides itself on its management expertise.

And how exactly does the company plan to flex its considerable balance sheet

The primary impact of October's £150 million rights issue was to cut the interest bill from £1 1.5 million to £2.5 million, helping pre-tax prof-



Firm hands: Delta's Robert Easton has held gearing down to 10 per cent

its on their way from £47.2 million to £60.6 million. More significantly, however, it cut net borrowings to £62 million and gearing to 12 per cent.

Since the CarnaudMetalbox stake is worth more than £390 million, it is no understatement to say that Peter Jansen, chief executive, has room to manoeuvre. Yesterday's results were a

reassuring mix of the good, the inevitable and the unchanged. The good was the 45 per cent increase in operating profits at the American sec-

urity printing operation to E17.1 million and the im-provement at CarnaudMetalbox. The inevitable was the 24 per cent fall in operating profits earned by the British building products activity to £17.9 million. The unchanged

was the 2.75p interim. The same mix should produce a similar result in the second half, putting the group on target for profits of £120 million or so. But on a priceearnings multiple approaching 15, the shares are well up with the pace.

Delta Group

BETA plus would probably be a fair mark for Delta Group. Apart from calling the economy wrong six months ago and it was in good company there - and taking a wrong turn as American defence industry cuts sent it scrambling for new markets in America, management has again proved itself copper-

bottomed. But for a £3 million turnround at Surprenant, cable supplier to the American

military, group profits would have shown an increase at the halfway point, as new products and old cost controls made light of recessionary pressures. As it was, the pretax figure slipped 6 per cent, to £30.97 million, but most building and engineering industry suppliers would gladly have swapped their first-half experiences for Delta's.

There are few better Europeans than Delta, the UK and continental operations of which are so integrated that the company finds it impossible to separate their performances. That might be as well for the engineering division: continental demand for plumbing fittings, particularly in Germany, inspired 17 per cent profits growth.

Surprenant, responded to defence cuts by attacking the oil market; it swiftly drew back, and refocusing the business will probably preclude recovery in cables this year. In the light of the annual statement, it is no surprise that Robert Easton, chief executive, is negative about the immediate prospects for other markets.

Delta's strength is in its 10 per cent gearing, its substan-tial dividend cover and its management, whose cautious conservatism was never more appreciated. Whether annual profits can improve on last year's £65.8 million is by no means certain, but assuming earnings of around 28p again. the shares at 354p are trading on a 12.6 multiple. Hold.

WORLD MARKETS

Weak overseas markets put pressure on Dow

New York - American shares and lower than expected retail fell sharply in early trading as market participants took profits after Monday's 71-point

Poor August retail sales joined an easier dollar and weak overseas equity markets to put pressure on prices.

traders said.

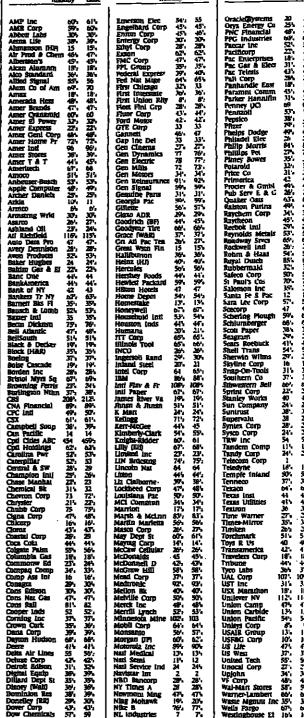
The Dow Jones industrial average was down 20.81 points at 3,355.41. Broadbased declining shares topped advancing shares three to one on volume of 20 million. George Pirrone, senior trad-

er at Dreyfus Corporation, said: "What you are seeing is the overseas markets down

sales." He also cited as a negative a steep drop in IBM. ☐ Frankfurt — German share prices retreated during yesterday's session in a modest consolidation of the strong gains posted on Monday. which were a reaction to the cut in German interest rates. Share traders said volumes

were relatively low in comparison to Monday's activity. One said: "This is a normal reac-tion after such a strong advance." The Dax index ended 7.49 points lower at 1.587.55. ☐ Tokyo — The stock market was closed yesterday for a national holiday. (Reuter)

WALLSTREET



STOCK MARKET

Sun Alliance stake-sale speculation dents CU

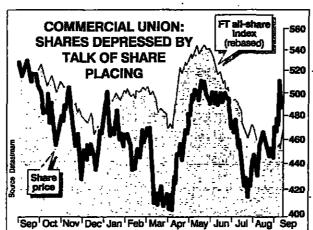
SHARES of Commercial Union fell 27p to 483p as brokers puzzled over the whereabouts of Sun Alliance's near-15 per cent stake in the company. Talk in the Square Mile claimed that Sun Alliance had tried to place its holding of 62.1 million shares in Commercial Union at about 470p, a discount of

Sketchley, the cleaning services group, fell 9p to a new low of 89p as a large parcel of shares went through the marbelieved to have placed about 600,000 shares at about 90p on behalf of one of the leading fund management groups.

almost 8 per cent on the previous night's close. By the close of business last night, however, only 2.9 million CU shares had changed hands on the trading screens. Sun Alli-The speculators claimed that Sun Alliance had taken advantage of the recent sup-port for CU shares and had sold them outside the market to Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house, which has established a reputation for sizable bought deals in recent times. But Goldman is still believed to be nursing a sizable trading loss on the purchase of 20 million shares in ICI from Hanson earlier this year. Sun Alliance eased 3n to 254p.

The rest of the equity market spent another volatile session wiping out the previous days' the cut in German interest rates. Again most of the activity was focused on the foreign exchanges, where the pound came under renewed selling pressure, reviving fears of a

dragging share prices lower with it. The FT-SE 100 index closed just above its low for the day with a fall of 52.1 at 2,370.0. A total of 507 million shares were traded but conditions were described as thin,



MAJOR INDICES

Paris: CAC ...

to open new positions before the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty on Sunday. SmithKline Beecham A fell

Sydney: AO 1530.4 (-6.2) Frankfurt: DAX 1587.55 (-7.49)

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llp to 491p after the chief medical office ordered supplies of its Pluserix-MMR vaccine to be withdrawn after it was found to create a mild form of meningitis in some children. Pluserix is used to protect children from rubella. lar vaccine, Immravax, made withdrawn. Smith Kline said 5 million Pluserix doses are sold

each year worldwide. **Kingfishe** B&Q and C an early 10 square at 4 ducing bett

£67.8 million, including prop-

erty disposals.
Only B&Q, still feeling the effects of the DIY price war, failed to make an increased contribution. Geoffrey Mulcahy, the chairman, said that trading conditions remained patchy.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the paper and packaging group, tumbled 53p to 129p after upsetting the market by cutting the interim dividend and giving a warning that a reduction in the final dividend could not be ruled out. Half-French company fell from £135.5 million to £99 million. It said trading conditions may deteriorate further.

printer and building products group, finished 12p down on the day at 224p after reporting

overall pre-tax profits £2 mil-

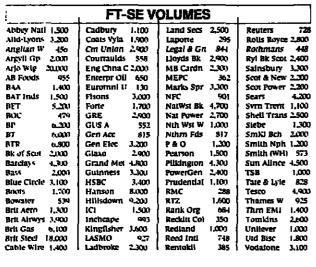
lion lower at £31 million. The drinks sector encountered some nervous selling amid revived worries about depressed beer sales. There were losses for Allied-Lyons, 16p to 545p, Bass, 10p to 508p, Grand Metropolitan, 20p to 392p, Greenalls. 8p to 328p, Scottish & Newcastle,

Sears fell 3p to 63p as County NatWest became more bearish about prospects. It is warning that profits in the exceptional costs of up to £80 million. The interim dividend should be held but the final may be cut up to 75 per cent.

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Kingfisher flying in fine style

iven the calamities that have befallen other attempts to knit together household name retail chains during the eighties. King-fisher's arrival at its tenth birthday this autumn definitely merits celebration. Kingfisher is, of course, a vastly different bird to the lame duck that F W Woolworth had become in 1982. Anyone who had spent the last ten years on the moon might, it is true. be surprised to find that the old Woolworth's high street network remains pretty much in its old form, but these days earning a much more decent return on sales, even if little of the profit is wrapped up before

As its first chairman, John Beckett had predicted from the outset the Woolworth ship took a long time turning, but after seeing off Stanley Kalms' £1.8 billion attempt to establish Dixons in the retail premier league in 1986, the busy acquisition schedule which brought in Comet, B&Q and Superdrug began to add growth to the group's rediscovered stability. The early acquisition phase now over, Geoff Mulcahy and his team now have the task of ensuring that recession is not allowed to undermine the achievement. On the basis that recognising the problem is half way to a solution, Mulcahy's comments yesterday should be well received. "I am often asked when I think the upturn will finally arrive", he said. "This is no longer the right question. The issue is how to increase profits

through the lower growth years to come".

A sum of £300 million has been earmarked for investment in improving productivity and service over the next three years. Discounting will be increasingly abandoned, on the perception that customers will respond to more consistent lower pricing provided they are guaranteed value. It is an interesting theory but so far this management team has been more right than wrong.

Bundesbank woes

rdinary Germans are worried that their Bundesbank has lost its independence. It may be one of the world's most powerful central banks but the Bundesbank's independence has always been strictly limited under law to the conduct of day-to-day monetary policy. In any other respect, the Bundesbank is very much dependent. Under under a law of 1957 it is required to support the government's overall economic policies.

There have been several previous occasions when the Bundesbank was overruled by Bonn and forced to act against its better judgment, most notably in the run-up to German monetary union in 1990 and in the run-up to the exchange rate mechanism in 1979. On each occasion politicians have prevailed over the Bundesbank for the simple reason that even in Germany, exchange rate policy is not a matter for unelected central bankers but for elected politicians. The power over exchange rate policy, including the right to authorise a realignment in the ERM, is also the politicians' trump card against unruly central bankers. This week the German government used its card by yielding to the Bundesbank's demands for a realignment in return for a rate cut.

A future European central bank will also follow in the Bundesbank's semi-independent footsteps. It will be independent when it does not matter and dependent when important economic and political issues are at stake. President François Mitterrand exaggerated only slightly when he said that under European monetary union politicians will still determine the framework of monetary policy, while the implementation will be left to "technicians". The events this week have shown that those dreaded Bundesbankers are nothing other than a group of high calibre "technicians".

Foreigners restore prosperity to the welcoming valleys of Wales

Jobless figures for the principality are now lower than the national average. Ross Tieman examines Wales's

return to prosperity

week, Mid Glamorgan. Two workmen are putting the final touches on a canopy that arches from the lobby of the sleek, black Sony factory towards twin artificial lakes in the grounds.

On the nearby M4 motorway, traffic is busy, but fluid. Fifteen miles east along that road, in Cardiff, the shopping streets are crowded too.

Wales has changed. Seven years ago, unemployment in the principali-ty averaged 13.9 per cent, 2.7 per cent worse than the national average, and almost five points higher than the level of Greater London. Yet the unthinkable has happened.

In July, employment department statisticians recorded jobless levels in Wales 0.1 per cent below the national average, at 9.6 per cent. In London, the rate is now 10.6 per cent, the highest on record.
Of course, the recession rippled out

of the South East into the rest of Britain, so Welsh unemployment may rise faster later in the economic cycle. But surveys from both the British Chambers of Commerce and the Confederation of British Industry suggest that businessmen in Wales are notably more optimistic than their peers nationwide. And for good reason. According to the CBI, the proportion of firms in the principality working below capacity has fallen in each of the past three quarters and now stands at 63 per cent, again below the national average. Even more striking: on balance respondents expected to increase employee numbers over the next four months.

The CBI findings are supported by research from the BCC. It is clear that the Welsh economy is now considerably more healthy than the national economy, and compares favourably with other regional bright spots, such as the North East, East Midlands, and briefly Merseyside.

What each of these regions has in common is manufacturing investment. It is simplistic, but entirely reasonable, to point to the construction of car plants as a key part of why each has avoided the drubbing suffered by the national economy.

Where a manufacturer has established assembly operations, component suppliers have followed, and the pump-priming spending has flowed out into the regional economy. Thus Nissan has become a driving force in the North East. Toyota in the East Midlands, Ford and Vauxhall on Merseyside. In Wales, Honda and Ford have poured a fortune into engine plants, while continental European groups have been developing component operations.

There is more to the Welsh story, of the southern housing market have than motors, though. A decade ago, put Essex trader on his uppers and the Welsh economy was dominated

Inward urge: Phil Head, WDA chief executive, cast a global net in search of manufacturing investment

by extractive and heavy industry. much of it in decline. Coal and steel were the region's lifeblood. Today, there are only three large pits left (one is earmarked for closure), and Sony, the Japanese electronics group, has more employees than British Coal.

Where Britain in the 1980s followed the Thatcher doctrine that a highly developed service sector was the sign of a modern economy, the Welsh Development Agency (WDA), strongly supported by the Welsh Office, cast a global net in search of inward manufacturing investment.

While men from Essex donned white socks and headed for City dealing rooms, Welsh youngsters learned to make things. For most of the past decade, Wales has been, and remains, the most popular location in Britain for inward investment. Since 1985, manufacturing output in Wales has grown by 31 per cent, compared with 11 per cent for the UK as a whole. Trend growth in manufacturing has been almost twice the national average, and higher than in any other region. As a result, the share of manufacturing in Welsh gross domestic product is now almost 5 per cent higher than nationally.

High interest rates and the collapse turned his customers into hermits.

But in Wales, they are still making things, and consumers can still afford to shop on a midweek afternoon.

The development of international markets has played an important part in Wales's continuing prosperity. Exports have helped protect the Welsh workforce from the weakness of the UK economy. Whether they can continue to do so, in the face of a sagging dollar and softening demand in Britain's two biggest export markets. Germany and France, remains to be seen.

he omens are good. Critics have disparaged many of the new breed of Welsh factories as "screwdriver plants", assembly operations that could as easily be manned by monkeys, and whose owners could close them and shift production elsewhere at the drop of a franc, or indeed a recalcitrant, union-wielded spanner.

At the outset, there was indeed a measure of trepidation, particularly among Japanese investors. Yet the sums of money invested in produc-tion facilities are so substantial that manufacturers cannot simply walk away. Multinational investors may be fickle, but they are not feckless. Their enthusiasm for a location is better signalled by a slowdown in new investment flows. Closure is a

final reort of desperation; it is also exceedingly rare.

Ask any inward investor about the

attractions of Wales and he, or she, will speak of good communications and a stable workforce. An Englishman may perceive South Wales as isolated, and on the fringes of the European Community. From Detroit or Tokyo, an uncluttered motorway, a helping hand with foreign customs and planning procedures, and a cheap workforce are more important.

The Welsh workforce is relatively cheap, as well as reliable and efficient. According to an analysis by Oxford Economic Forecasting earlier this year, average earnings in Wales in 1989 were 99.2 per cent of the national average. But productivity, at 109.7 per cent. was bettered only in the northern region. Consequently, unit labour costs, at 90.4 per cent of the national average, were the most attractive in Britain.

The OEF report concluded that "it is high productivity investment which is dictating the trend in the region's relative unit-labour costs". In other words, if you can persuade people to invest in manufacturing, efficiency improves, and the region begins to outperform its rivals.

There are other benefits. Inward investment has introduced modern management practices, and moder-

nised employee relations, as well as manufacturing techniques. Companies have always shared a measure of information and allowed rivals to visit their plants. The effect, in Wales. has been to pass on a lot of new practices which place more emphasis on the employee. Managers who have worked in Japanese plants are also beginning to be headhunted.

Finally, the screwdriver charge is starting to wear thin. As plants grow, and production experience is accumulated, there is a tendency for managers to want increased control over the technological content of production. Investors from Japan and Europe have tended to respond favourably to such pressure. After all, engineers are far cheaper to hire here than in Cologne or Osaka.

All of which is fine, up to a point. But what will happen in the 1990s? Throughout the 1980s, inward investment has provided the backbone of growth in the Welsh economy. A partnership has been established between the WDA, the Welsh Office and local authorities that has succeeded in attracting foreign firms. But the 1990s look likely to be tougher. Most Japanese and American firms that believed they had to establish production within the European Community before the single market in 1943 have already arrived. Moreover, the one-off influx of vehicle assembly and component manufacture is petering

ccording to Phil Head, chief executive of the WDA: Wales has done relatively well over the last ten years in attracting new investment and making its employment base more diversified." However, he says, GDP per head is still the lowest in mainland UK. The challenge now, the WDA believes, is to use the improved manufacturing base as a catalyst for indigenous development. To that end, it is putting great effort into developing supplier programmes to encourage the incomers to buy components and services

But Wales also needs to broaden the intellectual content of its economy. This is a region that, traditionally, has suffered the loss of many of its most able people, drawn by superior opportunities for betterment

Capturing the research and development functions associated with the new manufacturers is a part of that process which, it appears, is already underway. But the overseas rivals for Wales, and for Britain as a whole, are not just the developed countries. Increasingly, Wales is competing, on cost, to do work that would otherwise be carried out in the newly industrialised economies of South East Asia, such as Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong, and the tigers on their tails - Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and so on.

In this contest, it is the quality of the workforce, from shopfloor to directors' chair, that will be critical. Having learnt the techniques of modern manufacture. Wales must now develop the capacity to innovate, and build the service sector that its enlarged manufacturing base can

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Another goes from P&D

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THE outflow of analysts from UBS Phillips & Drew continues. Paul Compton, its engineering analyst and ranked fith in Extel's league table will resign from the firm this morning amid speculation that his departure is linked to the dismissal of controversial author Terry Smith, its former head of research. Compton, with P&D for four years, has Lyonnais Laing, where he will be reunited with John Holmes. The two men were once colleagues at Morgan Grenfell. "He used to be head of Morgan Grenfell Securities which is where I worked before and I will be working for him again at Laing," says Compton. He denies, however, that his departure is directly related to Smith's treatment by P&D. "The Terry Smith affair had no direct bearing on this decision," he said. "I have been in talks with Credit Lyonnais for six months. I am going to them because they have offered me a better salary and because I want to work for an independent research

Face to mace

BZW equity sales trader Danny "make my day" Butler, who admits to being a Clint Eastwood fan, reveals that he acquired the new Eastwoodstyle nickname after trapping a burglar beneath a bed in his Essex home in the early hours of Sunday morning. Butler.46, was awoken at 5am by



search of the property. When he eventually located the intruder, he ordered his family to telephone the police while he remained firmly on top of the bed, threatening the man beneath him with a mace - a souvenir from a Portuguese holiday - if he dared to move. "Fortunately he was facing the other way, so he couldn't see me," says Butler. "He turned out to be about 6ft tall and I'm only 5ft 8ins. I didn't think about it at the time but afterwards I started shaking like a leaf. He had tried to tell me that he had had too much to drink and was just looking for somewhere to sleep. Yes, the air was pretty blue."

Onto a winner WITH City analysts joking that Ladbroke should rename itself Verybroke after the recent fall in its share price, the arrival of Steve Devany as its new director of public affairs will not come a moment too strange noises and began a soon. Devany, who celebrates

day, is currently with PR firm Hill & Knowlton and hopes to join Ladbroke before the beginning of November. He is, he says, aware that he has a lot to live up to, since he will be succeeding the late John Haranoff, who died earlier this year after a lengthy battle against cancer. Haranoff's corporate hospitality, on the race courses of Britain, was legendary. "I'm not a day-today punter but I do have an interest in horse racing and obviously at Ladbroke's hospitality is something you can do rather well because you have all the facilities," says Devany. I only knew John by reputation but the hospitality will definitely continue." Devany, who admits that his new job brings with it "a modest increase in package," adds that his initial efforts will be targeted on Ladbroke's "depressed share price. A lot of my early work will be aimed at the City," he says. Delighted racing enthusiasts in the Square Mile now expect a flurry of invitations and confidently predict that the share price could soon show signs of recovery.

his 39th birthday on Satur-

On the fence

CITY hunting enthusiasts are expressing relief that Charles Nunneley, a top Robert Fleming man, has been nominated for election to the council of the National Trust in November. The anti-hunting lobby desperately wants the National Trust to adopt an antihunting line but pro-hunters say Nunneley, deputy chair-man of Robert Fleming Hold-ings and chairman of the National Trust finance commit-

tee, will tip the numbers in their favour. Nunneley says he is not a hunting man but is inclined towards a non-interventionist approach, which means hunters can count on him not to support their opponents. "I'm all for allowing anything wherever possible as long as it's legal and doesn't hurt anyone," says Nunneley, off the agenda. "It has nothing to do with the National Trust or our objectives. As far as I'm concerned, we should divorce ourselves entirely from

Credito con brio

TIMING is everything. Ask Marcello Mancini, chief manager of the London branch of Credito Italiano, Italy's sixth largest bank. Months ago Signor Mancini decided to have a restrained and cultural evening at the National Gallery with a recital by the Quartetto D'Archi di Torino to celebrate 20 years of European integration since his bank set up in London. Then last week the Italian government announced Credito Italiano was going to be privatised, and this weekend ... well, no more said. Beseiged by journalists ever since, Signor Mancini was yesterday pleading that "we did not mean to exploit events or have a high profile" as he prepared for the soirée with. among other guests, senior officials from the Bank of England. But he did concede that events would inevitably "add a little bit of spice" to the occa-

BUSINESS LETTERS

Late forwarding of cash on delivery payments hurts small businesses importance I now find myself

From Mr Graham Jobson -Sir, When I read of the failure of small businesses in the press I must confess I am not in the least surprised. I myself run a small business and it is my opinion that businesses such as mine are hampered at every turn by big business.

In my particular case I offer a cash on delivery service to mail order customers and as Royal Mail Parcelforce seems to have the monopoly on such a service I deal exclusively with them. The problem is they seem very reluctant to forward my money to me.

As a small business perhaps my cash flow problems do seem rather insignificant to such a large concern but I cannot help but compare my problems with the parable of the "widow's mite". However, Parcelforce seems to have no such humanitarian leanings and as I am of no particular

the conclusion that if in their wisdom they decide to hold onto my money for eight or more weeks there is very little I can do about it, which as you can imagine is very frustrating.
Therefore, to return to my previous point, small business-

es will either fold or at best remain small businesses until some of the larger corporations decide to be a little more tolerant of us. Yours faithfully GRAHAM JÖBSON. Managing Director.

Just Juniors, Unit 9A Cannon Park Way, Cannon Park Industrial Middlesbrough.

Calling into question fundamental principles upon which Lloyd's operates

From Mr Philip Dinkel

Sir, Following the service of "solvency writs" on many names, Lloyd's of London's immunity from suit has been called into question for the first time in a legal battle that is being waged.

European law has been brought to bear, in a counterclaim to these writs that will uncover, by "disclosure", much that has been hitherto concealed by virtue of the Lloyd's 1982 act.

This action, which will effectively protect names' assets beyond their deposit at Lloyd's, calls into question some of the fundamental prin-CAROL LEONARD | ciples upon which the market

operates. It forms a backdrop

to the other major litigation which is also about to commence and will be a means, it is hoped, of reforming this institution and restoring the assets of many aggrieved

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Computers and bank management

From Mr Roy Munden Sir. As one who, twenty years ago, initiated the design and in the position of being passed development of a computerfrom one department to the ised management information system in what was then a next. I have now also come to smallish international bank, I not reducing it. am frequently dismayed by

> ers on the management and use of information. An example of these misconceptions was provided by Charles Brett's assertion about bank account charges (letters September 9) that "With computerisation of accounts and

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reduction of local managerial discretion the system had to be In a well-managed bank information about costs incurred and income from an account or group of accounts

should certainly be codified and fed automatically into a 'system". Codifying this information allows basic costs and values (for example, cost transactions: the cost and value of money) to be applied uniformly across branches but should never result in the charging system being codified. Making uniform, basic in-

formation at account level easily accessible to branch managers and account executives allows discretionary au- Chipping Norton, Oxon.

thority to be delegated to the local level where such infor-mation should be married to personal knowledge of account holders, thus increasing local managerial discretion,

The system I initiated in the early 1970s has since been developed under strict user control to become a powerful management tool. Those involved must have been doing something right because my erstwhile employers recently completed their acquisition of a British clearing bank. Yours faithfully. ROY V. MUNDEN.

Glebe Cottage, Church Road, Thornford, Sherborne.

Ouicker Taurus

From Miss M. Bellwood Sir. The new chairman of the London Stock Exchange seems to be rather biased in favour of Taurus. As a private investor I hoped to see some reference to the much shorter settlement period. This may create difficulties for us due to the bank's slowness in crediting one's account when cheques are paid in. Yours faithfully.

MARGARET BELLWOOD, 52 Over Norton Road.

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FOCUS OPTICAL BUSINESS





Far-sighted: as in promotions of the 1950s (left), Lorraine Kelly and Cliff Richard (right), the 1992 Spectacle Wearers of the Year, aim to promote a trendy image

Catching the customer's eye

he eye-care industry is in the throes of an upheaval that began ten years ago when the Office of Fair Trading recommended to the government that the exclusive right of opticians to sell ready-made read-ing glasses be abolished. At the time, opticians came in for a lot of criticism that their product prices were too high. "Market forces", the government claimed, would bring down costs if consumers were able to try and buy from a wider variety

of shops. The legislation was in force by April 1989, when entitlement to a free NHS sight test was also abolished for everyone who did not meet the new eligibility requirements. Voucher schemes had been brought in three years earlier for those on low incomes, and although they did not cover the total cost of new spectacles, it meant that even the poorly-off could take their

custom essewhere.

A further blow came in August 1988, when value added tax was imposed on previously excluded optical products. In a matter of months, opticians saw a drop in sight-test fees, had to share their to agree in a dispute over goods and services, Pat Blair writes. market with traders such as department stores and watched their prices to the consumer increase by the rate of VAT, then 15 per cent but now 17.5 per cent. Close on the the customer," says Dame Jocelyn, who is also deputy chairman of the Broadcasting heels of all this came the recession. It was a jost to an industry that had been largely restrained in its Standards Council.

Opticians have lost exclusive rights and gained market rivals. Pat Blair reports on how the industry is battling for business

marketing and that often projected an image of the worthy-but-dull professional scientist in the high street. That is now changing in today's retail market of spectacles, contact lenses and solutions that is estimated at £1 billion.

Despite the effects of recession. there are new companies in the field, such as Boots Opticians and Specsavers, which until the mid-Eighties had kept out of the retail optical market but are now the second and third largest groups, after the long-established Dollond & Aitchison. Established companies — whether multiples or independents - are rising to the

FROM November 1 a new

independent service, the Optical Consumer Complaints Service

(Oces), is being set up under the chairmanship of Dame Jocelyn Barrow to adjudicate where con-

sumers and suppliers have failed

"We see ourselves as a concilia-

tory body, to get satisfaction for

challenge of the new climate and are seeking to attract custom, rather than wait for consumers to walk through the door.

To be able to compete on prices, independent retailers have banded together through such companies as Percy Kirk, the biggest of the buying groups, which deals with about 1,200 independent shops and can negotiate volume-related deals with manufacturers.

At the same time, frame-makers and lens manufacturers are waking up to the fact that while French and German spectacle-wearers each own three or more pairs and use them on different occasions, the

CONSUMER AID

Although it will have no statu-

tory powers, optical practitioners who register with the Occs and

agree to abide by its guidance

will be encouraged to display window stickers, in the hope that

the public will recognise and use

those practices.

es, attracting such names as Savile ation of Optometrists, the British College of Optometrists and the Federation of Ophthalmic

British still average 1.4 pairs of

spectacles a wearer, and that maybe

glasses could lose their image as a

grudge" purchase in the UK and

A leading frame-maker such as

be seen instead as desirable, attrac-

Silhouette has long advertised directly to the public but, according to

Derek McLaren, the managing

director, when the company first

did so more than 20 years ago, reaction within the industry was

The day of the designer frame

has, nevertheless dawned, riding

on the success of designer sunglass-

tive aids.

and Dispensing Opticians.

The Occs will aim to complement the existing powers of the General Optical Council, which deals with matters of profession-al misconduct, and fill a gap left when the sight-test service was

It will have five independent Those entitled to a free NHS members and a representative test can still take their complaint from the British Association of to their family health services Dispensing Opticians, Associ-

Row, Dunhill, Armani and Cartier, Lens manufacturers too are taking a higher profile. Firms such as Pilkington, Carl Zeiss and Rodenstock are already names with which the cognoscenti are familiar for both lenses and frames, but companies better known in other fields, such as Nikon, are also

making their mark. A Mori survey for the Federation of Ophthalmic & Dispensing Opti-cians last Mayshowed that 5 per cent of the spectacle-wearing population were already buying ready-

made reading glasses.

For those who need prescription lenses — obtainable through the country's 6.714 registered optometrists and 3,569 dispensing opticians - industry observers believe that two main trends will emerge: speed and bespoke services.

LensCrafters already advertises on speed, promising to dispense many prescriptions within an hour, a trend that has come from the United States. Others are likely to follow the European model and aim for the top end of the market, with individual style and tailored products.

Although it may take the industry time to settle - and nobody pretends the economic climate is easy — it seems the customer stands to gain, but only if he or she can be persuaded that eye health is desirable, that having to pay for a sight test is worth it and that wearing glasses can even be glamorous.

Today's lenses are easier to wear

A clear view of contacts

Hygiene is vital

Leonardo da Vinci de lenses as they lead to feuter scribed a way of correcting vision by using a water-containing shell, and a hundred years after the first blown-glass contact lens was made in Germany. contact lenses have finally come of age.

Rapid advances in materials and manufacturing techniques over the past 20 years have made contact lenses easier to wear. The old, hard lenses, often timeconsuming to fit and difficult to get used to, have largely been replaced by thin, comfortable soft lenses and gas-permeable hard lenses.

By allowing eyes to breathe more easily, the latest lenses have higher safety levels, are easier to

people, including those who use bifocals or who have the eye defect. astiematism.

Today there are more than two million contactlens wearers in the UK in an industry estimated last year to be worth around £240 mil-

lion, split equally between lenses and solutions. Most are still chosen for cosmetic reasons, although many sports players prefer them as they can be worn for games such as tennis, soccer, nigby, cricket and skiing (on water or snow). Specialised contact lenses may

also be supplied to those who have had cataract surgery. Generally designed for day-time use, there are lenses intended for continuous wear, but these appear to carry greater risks of infection and still arouse professional controversy. All lenses should be disinfected daily and the special solutions cost from £3 to £15 for a month's supply.

depending on the type of lens. Hard lenses, costing £100 to £200, are of non-absorbing rigid plastic which is easy to clean and disinfect. They are preferred by incidents of infection.

Soft lenses, at about the same price, are generally more comfortable to wear but because they are absorbent, the cleansing solutions can build up in them and cause eye irritations. One answer has been to replace them more regularly, and many are now changed on a monthly or fortnightly basis. These so-called disposable lenses, or planned replacement lenses, cost from

about £10 a month. If costs could be reduced further, the daily disposable lens could be the next step forward. although Simon Fraser, of Pilkington, a leading manufacturer, believes that the technoladapt to and are suitable for a ogy is still some way off.
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(£150 to £300) are designed for people who have astigmatism or who have a poor supply of tears - a problem which can limit the length of time that lenses can be worn. Bifocal lenses (£200 to £400) are consid-

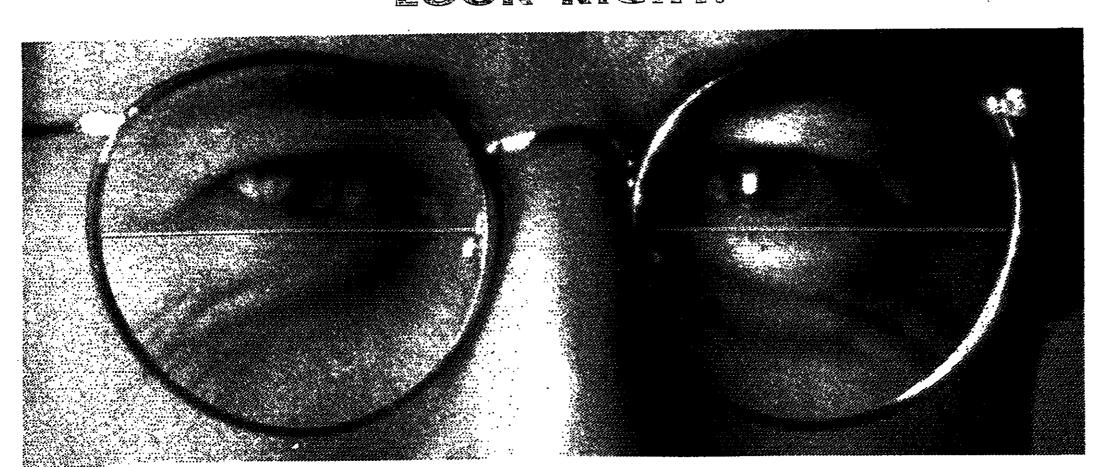
ered by the industry to be one of the growth areas in contact lenses. After 20 years of development, efforts are still being made to refine them and many wearers of bifocal spectades have successfully made the switch. Because these lenses are more complex, they generally require more consultations to obtain a successful fit.

Contact lenses may be fitted and supplied by ophthalmolo-gists (eye-disease specialists), ophthalmic opticians (optometrists), and by dispensing opti-cians who hold the necessary certificate. Fittings and follow-up appointments total about two to three hours in the first year and most contact-lens wearers are also advised to have a pair of spectacles for alternative wear.

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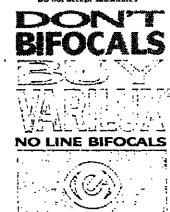
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A rosier tint to business in the high street

After years of decline, deregulation and improvements in design have brought variety to the customer and fresh hope to the industry. Felicity Bates reports

Health Service was founded in 1948 its objective of providing free eye examinations and inexpensive glasses for all was universally lauded. However, this policy was to prove little short of disastrous for the British frame and lens

As the nation's largest buyer of glasses, the NHS was able to pare prices to the minimum and reduce profit margins to the unworkably low. Consequently, with little capital available for investment in research and development or re-tooling, both frame making and lens manufacturing went into decline.

The availability of free or subsidised glasses also shaped the attitudes of the British public. They became so used to choosing frames from a small. uninspiring selection that they came to regard glasses as purely utilitarian prostheses hardly worth a decent purchase price.

At the same time, Europeans had come to regard glasses as style accessories worth paying for. Continental frame makers, who saw themselves as designers as well as technicians, responded by producing frames that sold on their lashion merit. During the Fifties they mounted aggressive export campaigns to Britain. These imports were later joined by budget frames from South East Asia and more recently by more up-market

The domestic producers' market share fell steadily, and now accounts for only 20 per cent of frames sold in the UK. However, local manufacturers are fighting back and at present export 55 per cent of

their production. Lack of financial incentive also caused a decline in domestic lens production. Virtually all lenses are now imported, although they are generally ground to specification in local prescription

Britain differs from Europe in the way these frames and lenses are sold. Here, eyes are examined and glasses fitted in the same retail environment. These optical outlets were originally individually owned and operated, and a group such as Dollond & Aitchison has a history dating back to the 18th

century. Until 1984 registered opticians had a virtual monopoly

in dispensing glasses. However, deregulation and the relax-ation of advertising restrictions have produced radical changes. Simple ready-to-wear reading glasses for ex-ample, can now be bought at a wide range of outlets, though their prescription range is limited and there is still a preference for a full eye examination when considering vi-

sion help.
The last five years have also seen the growth of large multiples such as Specialeyes and franchises like Specsavers. With their capacity to bulk-buy and finish lenses in-house. these chains have posed a major threat to traditional optical practices.

One area of optics that has enjoyed continuous growth since the war is contact lens manufacturing. Despite the fact that only 6 per cent (more than 2 million) of people needing visual correction wear

FRANCHISE GROWTH

ESTABLISHED in 1984 by Doug and Mary Perkins. Specsavers is the largest and fastest growing optical franchise group in Britain and the Irish Republic. The company has 200 outlets, which represents half of all optical franchises, but expects 400 by the end of 1993. It hopes to be the largest optical group in Brit-

ain by 2000. Turnover is £100 million and is increasing annually by 25 per cent. Success is based on an innovative approach to retailing. Open plan, mirrored showrooms are filled with a wide choice of frames at reasonable prices and with a workshop incorporated in each store rapid service is guaranteed.

Each practice is jointly owned by the optician and Guernsey-based Specsavers. who offer support and training. It is an economical and practical route to the High Street.



Individual attention: an Italian specialist working by hand on lens moulds

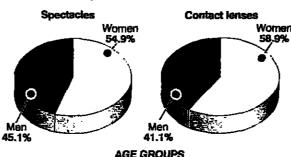
contacts, sales in 1991 were 2.9 million single lenses com-pared with 803,000 in 1982. Although some of the major producers such as Ciba Vision are multinationals, most of their contact lenses are made in Britain and over 40 per cent are exported. Sales have been helped by the many advances made since the general accep-tance of hard lenses in the Fifties. Consumers now enjoy a wide choice of gas permeable, soft, permanent, dispos-

able, bifocal and tinted lenses. Many people are also asking for special glasses or contacts for specific tasks such as sports, operating VDUs and

Even though price still remains the main purchasing consideration, consumers are also becoming conscious of the array of stylish frames available and the large variety of lenses, such as super slim high-index glass, lightweight plastics, varifocals and special

Finally, as half the glasses are worn by people over 55, a large percentage of our ageing baby boomers will be buying them in the future. • The author is editor of Vision

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Regular eye tests are important

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- but sooner or later there comes a point when many people in their forties realise that they can't read
small print any more. They
need an eye test.
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towards the opticians they will

be joining millions of others who have had what is not only a thorough but also a thoroughly regulated, painless examination.

According to surveys by the Optical Information Council. a non-profit-making body party funded by the industry, out of 1,000 school-age children, a fifth were found to have a sight defect that had apparently gone undetected; and out of 22,000 drivers in Britain, a third had some visual defect, often unsuspected.

The free NHS eye test was abolished in April 1989 for all but specified categories of people: those aged under 16 (under 19 if in full-time education) tion); those on low incomes; those with glaucoma, and people over 40 where there is a family history with glaucoma: blind or partially sighted people; and those with diabetes. Now, the cost of a test is set by individual opticians, and can range from nothing to £18 or more.

The surge of people rushing to beat the April 1989 deadline distorts comparisons with 1988-89 figures, but the Federation of Ophthalmic & Dispensing Opticians (FODO) suggests that the following year there was a 37 per cent drop in sight tests. Had the upwards trend since 1983 continued — as might have been expected from increased public awareness of health issues and a gradually aging population — up to two million more people today might be having tests than are doing so. This could change from next January, when new EC regulations will force employ-ers to offer sight tests to VDU

39 per cent of tests are still carried out free under the NHS, with the rest paid privately. Professional advice is that eyes should be checked every two years and children to have an examination by the age of three.

Normal examination by an ophthalmic optician, or optometrist, takes about half an hour. As well as near and distance vision the optician will check for astigmatism or squint, the way the eyes work together, colour perception and the field of vision.

spects of general health can also be detected through eye examination, which can reveal conditions such as raised blood pressure and diabetes. Statu-tory rules set out by the General Optical Council (GOC), the profession's regulatory body, require an optom-etrist to refer the patient to a doctor if signs of disease are detected. "If he saw glaucoma but failed to refer, that would be in breach of a GOC rule, which is a disciplinary of-fence. Richard Wilshin, the council's registrar, says.

Even failure to observe glau-coma would still be a disciplinary offence, either because he did not carry out an ophthal-moscopy, which the law requires, or perhaps because he missed the condition during the intra-ocular examination.

After the sight test, patients must be issued with a prescription or, if none is necessary, a statement to that effect. They must be told whether the prescription — valid for two years — has changed since the previous test and informed if they are being referred to a doctor or hospital. They need not buy spectacles from the optician who examines them but are entitled to have the prescription made up elsewhere, from a dispensing optician, for example.

PAT BLAIR

The twain are starting to meet

OPTOMETRISTS test visual acuity and prescribe corrective lenses. Ophthalmologists. who are medically qualified, specialise in the diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases. And the two professions are coming closer together.

Optometrists are discussing with the other "eye" professions and with the health department the possibility of being involved in the monitoring of common eye diseases such as glaucoma, and ophOptometrists and ophthalmologists, two separate

thalmic surgeons are now performing laser surgery to correct myopia (short-sightedness), the most common refractive error dealt with by

must refer the person to a

optometrists. Optometrists are taught how to spot eye disease and if they do so during an eye test

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disciplines, are increasingly willing to share tasks doctor. But moves are afoot, says Professor Geoff Woodward, professor of optometry and visual science at London's

City University, to let the

optometrist monitor the pro-

gress of treatment. Patients diagnosed as having an eye problem such as glaucoma may, after treat-ment, be referred back to an

optometrist under a newly agreed protocol. The system is already being used locally and the hope is that eventually national protocols will enable the two protessions to co-operate in this way. The optometrist would be a

"measurer". Professor Woodward is a disease where the pressure in the eve is raised and presses on the retinal blood supply," he says. "Gradually, the retina is

damaged from the periphery inwards. The patient is normally diagnosed on three features. losses in the visual field, increases in visual intraocular pressure and changes in appearance of the optic disc, the area where the optic nerve comes into the eve."

Woodward says. Optometrists can monitor whether the control measures are working. He adds: "Hospital visits are expensive, so this kind of monitoring locally could be more cost-efficient."

As optometrists edge towards more involvement in the medical side of eye treat-



Professor John Marshall of St Thomas' Hospital ment, so ophthalmologists are

using surgical techniques to correct refractive errors more often dealt with by speciacles and contact lenses. One of the most advanced techniques, known as laser photorefractive keratectomy (PRK), uses a laser to remove superficial layers of tissue from the

Myopia, in which near vision is better than distant, occurs when either the front Glaucoma is never cured,

surface of the eye, the comea, is too highly curved, or the eye

is too long, or both. The myopic eyeball is shaped like a rugby ball so the rays of light are brought to focus short of the retina. Flattening the front surface corrects the condition.

Opthalmologists say that the laser acts as a pair of "photon scissors', chopping the bonds between the molecules that make up the tissue, "You don't touch the tissue," says John Marshall, the Frost

Professor of Ophthalmology at St Thomas', London. "You send a beam of invisible radiation on to it and suddenly a depression will appear in the surface.

The technique is quite different otomy, where deep radial cuts are made in the cornea so that the resultant weakenng will lead to a

flattening of the cornea. The cuts are made to a depth of 90 to 95 per cent of corneal thickness. The laser method removes no more than 5 to 10 per cent of corneal thickness.

The milder the patient's myopia. Professor Marshall says, the more predictable the outcome of PRK and the higher the probability of normal, unaided vision.

MALCOLM BROWN

Glasses are now available to suit every individual need

Then someone talks about needing glassmean is that they need lenses; but which lens? Spectaclewearers today have an almost endless variety of options, but unlike their European counterparts, the British seem either not to know of the choices available or are too conservative to take advantage of them, Pat Blair writes.

As one of the leading lens and frame manufacturers in this county, the Munich-based firm of Rodenstock, says: "The possibilities for correcting the vision defects of the human eye are as varied as the defects themselves.

For those who merely need magnification for otherwise healthy eyes, ready-made reading glasses are widely available, not only from optician's premises. One need only try them on and keep testing different strengths until the most suitable pair is found. Ready-made models can cost less than E10, but make no accommodation for differences between the right and left eye (although with minor differences that is un-

likely to matter). Figures from the British Ophthalmic Lens Manufacturers and Distributors Associ-ation (BOLMADA) show that currently 80 per cent of the nine million pairs of lenses bought in this country are plastic, possibly because lenses made of plastic materials are generally lighter in weight

Customers are sometimes puzzled that one optician can supply their prescription spec-tacles with an hour or so, while

than optical glass.

Seeing clearly, looking good

another may take a week or two. Few if any opticians in this country still make lenses on their premises. Many do, however, keep a stock of partially prepared lenses to refine on the spot to individual prescriptions, which is why they can supply at speed. Sophistication is the other end of the market.

omplicated prescriptions and those with "bespoke" refinements
such as additional hardened surfacing or special tints take longer to make. In such cases prescriptions are sent to companies, such as Roden-

stock, Pilkington or one of the smaller manufacturers. Although they have computeraided technology, a sur-prising amount of handwork is employed. Recent advances in tech-

nology mean that lenses need not make the wearer appear to be looking through the bottom of a bottle. Even highly complicated lenses - glass or plastic - have become slimmer, flatter and lighter, giving less distortion at the edges for the wearer as well as being more comfortable and cosmetically attractive.

Most lenses can be supplied with a variety of surfaces to meet individual requirements: tints to blend with frames, additional scratch-resistant surfaces for careless users, anti-glare or photochromatic (darkening according to the brightness of the light). While the aim is to provide a clinically sound product that contributes to eye health, lens-makers and suppliers hope also to produce something that makes people feel good and look good.

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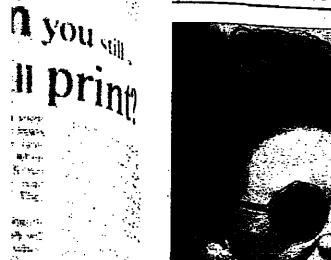
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Choose any shades you like

hether it is Ray Ban or Polaroid, Boots or Foster Grant, Silhouette or Shades, sunglasses are fashionable business. Glossy magazines, films and television have all helped promote a stylish approach to the way we protect our eyes from the dangers of harsh sunlight.

There are hundreds of styles to choose from at all prices. For eye protection alone, however, one need pay as little as £10 to buy sunglasses that win health care approval.

If lenses are coloured but offer no protection against ultraviolet light, they are likely to be more damaging than wearing no glasses at all, as they will confuse the eye's natural

The danger is simple. The pupil responds to yellow light. If you put a dark tint in front of your eye, it reduces the amount of yellow light reaching it. Therefore the pupil opens up. If you do not then guard against the harmful, yet invisible, UV light coming through, you risk eye

Before reaching for a pair of sunglasses, make sure they combine

eye protection with fashion, writes Pat Blair

Sunglasses, whether they come with plastic or glass lenses, may conform to the 1987 British Standard BS2724, which divides them into several categories. The three main types are: cosmetic purpose, general purpose and special purpose. As such, they should give a distortionfree view of the world - no bends, bubbles, blips or visible scratches and the lenses should be impact

All sunglasses that claim to meet the standard should offer protection from the UV rays of the sun. However, they vary in the amount of light, or glare, that they let through to the eyes. Those designed for cosmetic or fashion purposes are merely lightly tinted lenses. These are not intended to be used against significant

General purpose sunglasses should protect the eyes when the sunlight is intense - for example in snow or on popping in from garden to house

water, where glare can be reflected, or at high altitudes. Snow can reflect 85 per cent of UV rays, while water may reflect between 5 and 10 per cent of UV rays. Sand 8 per cent of UV. Gradient lenses, with the tint gradually paling from top to bottom,

are generally not intended for such conditions. Those who wear prescription spectacles need not resort only to "clipon" covers. Sunglasses can be made up by an optician to an individual prescription in varying colours and in plastic or glass lenses. Sadly, many opticians seem rarely to suggest the possibilities, and it is often left to the

customer to ask. The tint should not distort natural colour vision, for example when looking at traffic lights. Photochromatic lenses, which darken in bright light and pale again in the shade, may be convenient for

and back. Although they act rapidly, however, they do not react to changed conditions as quickly as the Light reflected from many direc-

tions — such as from disturbed water can be reduced by polarising lenses. This introduces a filter that can cut dazzle, an attribute favoured by those driving in bright

Many people buy non-prescription sunglasses in department stores and shops where there may be no professional advice on hand. However, a good deal can often be learned from the information on labels attached to

A E14.50 pair of Samco glasses (style 14C145) bought from a John Lewis store, for example, carried the following information. They have CR39 lenses, which are made from a scratch-resistant optical plastic material, CR39; they will "eliminate all

per cent ultraviolet protection"; they conforming to BS2724: 1987 general purpose; light transmission is 8-29 per cent; they are refraction class 1 — that is, they have no magnification properties and a line riewed through them should not appear distorted - and are suitable for all-day wear. They are said to be robust and "suitable for active leisure and spon". They also carry the warning appropriate to all sunglasses — they are not to be used to view the

of the sun's harmful rays with 100

sun directly. "There are quite a lot of things the public can do if they take a little care to look at the swing ticket first - and only secondly at the style," says Dr Nizar Harji, who is director of personnel and professional services at Boots Opticians.

Although unlabelled sunglasses may be suitable, it is sensible if no professional advice is to hand and no detailed label is provided, to opt for a different pair, carrying the data upon which a more informed choice

to his "look".

show the remarkable change

A small wardrobe of frames

Celebrities can provide ex-

cellent examples of how to

wear glasses, or not as the case

may be. Sylvester Stallone has

one particular pair of glasses

he seems to be devoted to, but

Elton John is very rarely seen in the same pair twice. Sophia

Loren likes to change styles and has even gone as far as

designing her own collection. There is now an award in

the UK, "Spectacle Wearer of

Starting eye care early

Children's sight can now

be objectively assessed

he great majority of children have no kind of eye test until they are four, yet identifying and treating defective eyesight at an early age can be very important. Longsighted infants whose eyes are not corrected are now known to be at greater risk than others of developing more serious conditions such as strabismus (squint) or amblyopia "lazy eye". writes Malcolm Brown.

Amblyopia can usually be corrected if diagnosed early enough, and squints can be straightened using spectacles, exercises or surgery. But it is better if they do not occur in the first place. Studies at Cambridge University's visual development unit have shown that infants given spectacles to deal with severe longsightedness are much less likely than others to develop a squint or

Dr Janette Atkinson, codirector of the Cambridge team, says that 70 per cent of four-year-olds who did not wear spectacles after being diagnosed in infancy as severely longsighted went on to develop strabismus or amblyopia. By contrast, of children with similar

degrees of A baby's eyes longsightcan be tested did wear before it has spectacles, only 25 per cent went on to devellearnt to speak op more se-

rious sight problems. One reason why many very young children are not taken to the optometrist is the common but mistaken belief that a child must be able to speak and read before an eye examination. However, it is possible to use wholly objective tests, in which no response from the child is required. An ophthalmoscope can be used to examine the interior of the

(an instrument which reflects a beam of light from a mirror into the eye) can be used to measure refractive The Cambridge visual development unit, which screens large numbers of children, uses a more sophisticated technique.

photorefraction. Flash photographs are taken of the subject, and the results are displayed on a video screen. A computer is then used to analyse the information the photographs display. The researchers use the

eye to see whether it is-

healthy, and a retinoscope

Cambridge video-refractor for their work. A fibre optic carries a tiny flash along the middle of the instrument's camera lens. The video

graphs. The first focuses on the baby's eyes so that the pupil size can be determined. In the second and third photographs, the cam-era is deliberately defocused. This produces what are called "blur images". The size of the image indicates the refractive state of If the baby has focused on

camera takes three photo-

the camera, the light that bounces off its eye will return along the same path. producing a very small spot of light on the video monitor. If the baby has focused a long way behind or in front of the camera, because it is long or shortsighted, the images on the video will be large, faint and diffuse. One of the benefits of the

video-refractor, says Shirley Anker, the senior orthoptist on the team, is that one can see what both eyes are doing simultaneously. "You're not doing it with one eye at a time. You're looking at what the child is doing in its natural state."

When the technique was first used, the Cambridge group employed the standard technique of putting drops in the infant's eyes to

pupils and relax the focusing. But they screening without

drops, which should speed up the

Professor John Barbur, professor of optics and visual science at London's City University, is now using a technique which measures so-called "pupil response". What scientists have realised in the past few years is that pupil response is related not only to the brightness of the stimulus (if you shine a bright light the pupil constricts), but also to how much that eye is seeing and what signal is getting through to the brain, in terms of both white light and different colours. The City team has a grant from Wellcome to use its technique on the new-born.

The scientists use infra red cameras to monitor what is happening to the diameter of the pupil when the subject is subjected to different stimuli. "If we can just measure these responses and assess how they develop in new born children." says Professor Barbur, "we will have an objective measure of how colour discrimination and visual acuity develop at the level of the brain. It's very attractive because it's non-invasive."

Wearing spectacles need not be a handicap and can be a fashion accessory, Mary-Rose Cooney writes

he optical frame indus-try is determined to convey the thessage that eyewear is essentially fashion and therefore fun and that everyone who wears glasses should have more than one pair to ring the changes, not ust in case of breakages.

For historic reasons, wearing glasses has been considered as thrilling as wearing orthopaedic shoes. To any-body brought up with the National Health Service attitude towards spectacles, the idea of glasses as fashion accessories has been viewed with great suspicion and almost puritan unease.

Some opticians still think that being able to see properly is quite enough. This aspect is vital, but taking pleasure in looking good in glasses is not mere vanity but a psychological necessity and shows a positive attitude that should be encouraged.

Fashion designers have developed collections of eyewear which range from the simple and stylish to the romantic. dramatic and simply weird. Names like Gucci, Gianfranco Ferre, Valentino, Ralph Lauren, Dior, Kenzo, Versace and Gaultier have produced



tyles which have had an influence on the concept of spectacles as fashion and on the kind of designs available in the medium and budget price

Most good opticians keep a reasonable cross section of frames but can be afraid of trying new styles and materials (titanium is wonderfully light and strong but quite expensive), so it is up to consumers to take up the cudgel and make some demands if they want to see the latest from the new, younger looking Gucci collection or the more bold and innovative

Gianfranco Ferre. Some opticians and optical assistants are developing real

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How getting framed can change your whole image

skills in advising on good colour and shape in a frame as well, of course, as suitability for particular lens requirements, comfort and fit. But advice

the optician cannot bring himself think of his "patients" be coming his 'customers' when they

services.

and interest is still sporadic, the country, has a course especially if

Looking good in glasses is not mere vanity

need to buy lenses, frames and Getting to grips with image is very much the province of colour and style consultants, a

growth industry of the last few

years, and some of these

Color Me Beautiful, one of the biggest style companies. with consultants throughout designed to

> sultants and optical staff in the principles of colour, face shape and lifestyle, the basic

concepts for choosing frames. Christine Russo from London liked to wear frames with a bit of originality, but wore pale coloured plastics that literally swamped her. She was persuaded to wear

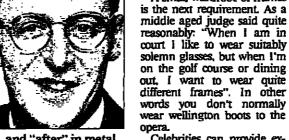


... and "after" in metal

gold metal or a metal and plastic combination (both by Gucci) and the effect was a good deal more harmonious though equally striking.

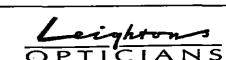
personality and lifestyle is so important. Ms Russo would never have been happy with frames that were pretending not to be there.

side wanted a total remake so off came his moustache and on went a pair of the currently popular "retro" metal frames (Ralph Lauren), which were much more appropriate for his image than the original. though frames. The "before" and



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the Year", sponsored by Lam-Jim Mottram from Tynebert Optical, which chooses celebrities considered to have done the most for the image of spectacles during the year. The most recent winners were Gloria Hunniford and James Whale, followed by Cliff Richcolourful, plastic ard and Lorraine Kelly. ■ The author is creative director of "after" pictures printed here



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on Samaranch," Steadward

said. "I've had meetings with ONCE to arrange meetings

between them and the IPC to

see whether they can be involved in the IPC in future."

The IPC had submitted a

proposal to the IOC to have

four medal sports included in

the Atlanta Games, but now

there is talk of that being

increased to nine. The Atlanta

Olympic organising commit-

tee has already signed the contract for the 1996 Games.

in which there is no mention of disabled sport, but that seems to be a formality that could easily be sidestepped.

"With the influence of the

IOC and my original discus-

sions we're going for inclusion in Atlanta," Steadward said.

They were fully agreeable to

include disabled events from

the very beginning so it's come

change in status of the IPC.

From being a group regarded

with suspicion by the IOC.

they are now appearing to be

welcomed with open arms. The integration of disabled

sport into the Olympics is no

longer just a pipe dream but

Yesterday, the first games for

people with learning difficul-ties to be held under the

paralympic banner opened in

Madrid. The aim is to prove to

Steadward that the organising

bodies of sport for the mentally

handicapped deserve to be-come full members of the IPC.

Hinton; 400m B1: T Hinton; 400m B3: S Bolton.
SWIMMING: Men: 100m B'fly B1.2: T Reddish; 100m B'fly B3: I Sharpe; 50m Bilsshoke S2: J Anderson: 100m Bisshoke S3: J Anderson: 100m Bisshoke S10: M Woods; 100m Bisshoke S89: P Noble; 50m Fetyle S2: J Anderson; 100m Fstyle S3: T Hunter; 400m Fstyle S10: P Noble: 150m Med SMS: K Caims; 400m Med B1, 2: C Holmes. Warmen: 100m Bity B1: J Burlon; 100m Bisshoke S83: M McGlery; 50m Fstyle S7: B Guf; 400m Fstyle S10: S Baies; 400m Fstyle S7: 10: S Sieter TABLE TENNIS: Men's: Individual, 3: N Hobinson

BRONZE

ATHLETICS: Ment: 100m TW3: C Hallarn; 400m TS2: S Braye; 800m C7, 8: J
Nethercott; 800m 82: N Thetcher;
1,500m B1: R Magthews; 1,500m B3: A
Hamilton: Sinot THW7: E Guild; Discus
THW8: K Baker; Javelin C7: K Churchili;
Javelin THW7: D Powright; Long Jump
B1: R Latham: Triple B1: R Latham,
Women; 100m B1: T Hintoh; 100m B2: S
Bolton; 200m B3: S Bolton; Shot THW7:
E E Ord.

E E Ord.

SWIMMING: Men: 100m B'fly S10: P
Noble; 50m Bisstroke S2: A McGregor;
50m Fstyle S2: A McGregor; 50m
Fstyle S3: T Hunter: 100m Fstyle S2: A
McGregor; 100m Fstyle S10: D Moreton: 100m Fstyle S1: T Redosh;
4 x 50m Fstyle S1-6: Women: 100m
Bisstroke S10: D Barr; 200m Bisstroke
81.2: T Jones; 50m Fstyle S4: T Rood,
100m Fstyle S7: B Gull; 100m Fstyle
S10: S Bälley, 400m Fstyle B1: M-A
Low; 200m Med B1: L Byles; 400m Med Open: T Jones: 4 x 50m Med8ey S1-6.
JUDO: Men, Up to 65kg: M Murch,
SHOOTING: Men: Air Rifle Style S11: P,

SHOOTENG: Men: Air Rifle Stog SH1: R Cooper: Air Rifle 3 x 40 Mod Sh4: K J Hyde: English Match Mod SH1-3 J Campbel

TABLE TENNIS: Individual men, 4: A

Chan Men's Team. 6. FENCING: Men's Team Sabre, 2, 3, 4.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Up to 52kg: A Peddle

PARALYMPICS DETAILS

However, the Paralympics in 1992 are not over yet.

actually in the pipeline.

as no surprise to them." What is a surprise is the

most powerful companies.

JUST six months ago, the two international governing bodies of able-bodied and disabled Olympic sport — the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) — were at loggerheads over the paralympic logo. Now, after the success of the Paralympics in Barcelona, the two presidents, Juan Antonio Samaranch, of the IOC, and Bob Steadward, of the IPC, are talking about including disabled events in the 1996 Olympics as full medal sports.

The resolution of the logo issue has brought down the barriers to communication. The dispute had been whether the five paralympic tear-drops, arranged in the same formation and in the same colours, looked too much like the Olympic rings and would cause confusion in the business of marketing and advertising. The IPC has agreed to back down and change its trademark to three teardrops.

Samaranch, a native of Barcelona, was present at the Paralympics and was impressed by the standard set by the athletes and the numbers of spectators who came to

cheer every Spanish success.
"These games have had an impact on the IOC,"
Steadward said. "Close to oneand-a-half million people participated and that opens up media, marketing and spons-orship possibilities. The paralympics are a viable proposition.

What also seems to have impressed Samaranch is the role of ONCE, an organisation primarily for the blind which also deals with sport for all disabled groups in Spain. ONCE, originally funded by

British medal winners
GOLD
ATHLETICS: Men: 100m TW3: A Hodge:
1.500m C7, 8: J Nethercott; 1,500m B2:
N Thatcher; 5,000m B1: R Metthews:
Marathon B2: S Brunt; Merathon B3: M
Famel; Shot C3, 4: M Walker; Shot
THWS: T Hoptons: Javelin C5: P
Williams Women: 100m CS, 6: C Innes:
100m TW3: T Grey; 200m TW3: T Grey;
400m C7, 8: E Cruice, 400m TW3: T Grey;
400m C7, 8: E Cruice, 400m TW3: T Grey;
500m TW3: T Grey;
SWIMMHNG: Men: 100m B1ty S10: O
Moreton, 50m Bicstroke S2: P Hull; 50m
Bicstroke S3: T Hurder; 100m Bicstroke
B2: C Hohmes; 200m Bicstroke B2: C
Homes, 100m Bratroke S88: I Matthew;
50m Fstyle S2: P Hull; 50m Fstyle B2: C Hohmes;
100m Fstyle S2: C Holmes;
100m Med SM10: P Noblo; 200m Med
B2: C Hohmes Women: 100m Bisstroke
S10: S Balloy, 100m Bisstroke

SILVER
ATHLETICS: Men: 100m C5: P Hughes;
100m TS4: N Coulas; 200m TS4: N
Coulas; 400m TS4: N Coulas; 600m
B1: F Mothows, 5,000m B3: M Famel,
4 × 100m Wichair W, TW3: 4: 4 x 100m
Open: 4 x 400m Open; Shot Put B3: J
Ward, Shot THW6: I Hayden, Discus
THW5: I Houlans, Javelin C5: S Granieli
Javelin THW6: I Hayden, Club C6: K
Gardnor Women: 100m C7, 8: E Cruice;
200m C7, 8: E Cruice, 200m B1: Y

STUART Barnes, the Eng-

land B captain, is optimistic he

will be able to start the League

season on Saturday when

Bath open the defence of their

Winter is poised to reach new heights

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Neil Winter was ten, he wrote to Sergey Bubka but received no reply. Eight years later, and now Britain's best pole-vaulter, Winter is work-Bubka will be unable to ignore him. His yearly progress is advancing with Bubka-like pace.

Thanks to Winter, the gap between British vaulting and world class may soon no longer be poles apart. His father-coach, Ken Winter, predicts that next season, before his son's teenage years are out, he will have the British record, which has survived for 11 years.

Like Bubka, Winter had the advantage of starting young, at the age of ten. Until he was 15, he matched the Ukrainian's best at each birthday: 4.40 metres at 14, 4.80 at 15, At 16 Winter was ahead, 5.20 to Bubka's 5.10 at the same age, but a back injury last year spoiled the comparison. Last month, however, Winter all but rejoined Bubka's flight path. clearing 5.50 at 18, moving in behind Keith Stock (5.65) and Brian Hooper (5.59) to equal Michael Edwards as the third highest Briton of all-time.

Bubka cleared 5.55 as an 18-year-old and tomorrow Winter, 19 next March, begins the first of two competi-tions which could see him back on level progress with the man who has won three world titles outdoors, three indoors, one Olympic Games and has set 31 world records.

Winter is second in the rankings, behind Daniel Marti, of Spain, as the world junior championships open here tomorrow and straight after he travels to Havana as Britain's youngest team member for the World Cup.

in Havana, fifth or sixth place would be mission accomplished for the student from Keynsham, near Bristol. 'I have not got a chance of getting in the top three, but I am going there for the experi-ence." Winter said. But, of the world junior champion-ships, he said: "I am in the best form of my life at the moment. I hope to get a medal." Britain has never had one in the pole vault, at world or Olympic, junior or senior, level. "Neil is capable of winning it." his father said. He finished ahead of Marti in the under-23 European Cup, but lost to him at a recent international in

Thirty years ago Winter Snr was a vaulter of greater enthusiasm than ability. "Neil is the athlete I was



not," he said. "I am only 5ft 8in and he is 6ft 2in — he has Seoul prepares elite the height and the speed and

is very athletic." Winter's inconsistency worries his coach. "He is a little bit suspect at his opening height," he said. Winter has no-heighted in four of his five main competitions this season and is planning to enter at 5.00 metres in Seoul, chancing elimination but knowing that, if he is successful, he will have energy in reserve when the competition comes down to the medal challenge. Bubka played that very game in the Olympics and lost, one copycat move

Seoul: Today's world junior world record-holder. All had champions, tomorrow's won gold at the last junior Olympic medal-winners and championships in Ploydiv two world record-holders. The years ago. But those who win here should assume nothing. fourth world junior championships begin here today with Fewer than one in five of the half a dozen outgoing cham-100 or so who have won pions having made their way successfully in the senior ranks (David Powell writes). junior titles have so far proved a force at senior international

Matthew Birir and Derartu Tulu became Olympic champions in Barcelona, Fita Bayissa, Richard Chelimo and Qu Yunxia took medals, and Moses Kiptanui became a senior world champion and

embarrassing myself if I ac-

to let Great Britain down, but it is embarrassing running the way I have been. I would

not be going there to get a

medal for Matt Yates, I would

Yates added: "I don't want

cepted it."

Campbell (sprints), Neil Winter (pole vault), Steve Smith (high jump) and Paula Rad-diffe (3.000m) are potential

Britain has a team of 42,

one of the biggest. Darren

Yates contemplates missing Havana travelling reserve and I have

BRITAIN'S World Cup team, which has lost almost half of its first-choice athletes for the fixture in Havana next week, is now facing a crisis in what was, until recently, its most trusty distance: the 1.500 metres. Matthew Yates, Britain's 1,500 metres choice for the one-athlete-per-event competition, said yesterday that he. too, was considering pulling out (David Powell writes).

Peter Elliott (injured) and Steve Cram (unwilling) are not available to cover for Yates who has been struggling since

RUGBY UNION: ENGLAND B CAPTAIN VITAL TO BATH'S TITLE HOPES

Barnes remains optimistic over fitness

June with a viral complaint and was unhappy with his performance in the Edinburgh Princes Street mile on Sunday, when he was fifth in 3min 58sec. "I am still suffering with the remnants of the illness," he said. "I should really call it a day [for this

Winter hopes to be spared.

He will raise his problems with Britain's team management to see if a replacement can be found, but Kevin McKay, the AAA champion who was named as reserve, will decline if asked, "I told the selectors I would not go as

Should either David Robertson or Matthew Hibberd excel for Britain in the world training," McKay said yesterjunior championships this week, that may provide the selectors with a welcome day. "For something like this you need to know you are running six weeks beforehand and I would probably end up

option. Since the team was announced three weeks ago David Grindley, Curtis Robb, Rob Denmark, Tom Hanlon and Kriss Akabusi have withdrawn and Steve Backley was not selected because of injury. At least Linford Christie is still on the team sheet. "I am team captain and it is my duty to be

be going to help get a cup for Great Britain and I have not got the confidence for it." there." he said.

FOOTBALL. 7.30 unless stated European Cup First round, first leg Gientoran v Marseilles (8.0) Rangars v Lyngby..... Stuttgart v Leeds (7.0).....

European Cup winners' Cup First round, first leg Bohemians v Steaus Bucharest Cardiff v Admire Wacker Liverpool v Apollon Limassol (7.35)... Uefa Cup First round, first leg

Amhem v Deny City...... Liege v Portadown (8.0).. Manchester United v Torpedo Moscow (8.05) Slavia Prague v Hearts (6.0) . Sheffield Wednesday v Spora Luxembourg (7.45). Barclays League Second division

Reading v Rotherham (7.45)... Stoke v Brighton,.... Anglo-Italian Cup Pretiminary round Bristol Rovers v Southend (8.0).... Grimsby v Newcastle (7.45)..... Swindon v Brentford (7.45).....

GM Vauxhall Conference Geteshead v Altrincham Geteshead v Altrincham
FA CUP: First qualifying round replays:
Bishop Auckland v Durham Chy: Peterlee
Newtown v Bamber Bridge; Conset v
Almirok; Bishopham Town v Armitoking; Knowstey v Chorley; Great
Hanwood v Atherion UP; Borrowash Victorie
v Mossley; Chestam v Boreham Wood;
Cartierbury City v Croydon
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Postported: Chesham v St Albare. Third
division: Horsham v Camberley.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Stocksbridge PS v
Belper HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Coteyn Bay v Leek; Winsland v Hyde, Pastponed: Accrington Stanley v Charley, Howich v Massley, First division: Astron Uneed v Caemarton; Lencaster City v Warstorton

Warrington.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Barresley v Sheffield Utd (7.0); Boston v Manchester Caty (7.0); Leads v Notim Forest (7.0); Newcasile v Leadester (7.0); Notice County v Aston Villa. Second division: Coventry v Blackpoot (7.0), Derby v Huddersleid (7.0); Mansfield v Bradford (7.0); Middlesbrough v Scunthorpe (7.0), Port Vale v Everton (7.0); Preston v Hutl (7.0); Wigan v York (7.0).

CRICKET

RUGBY UNION

RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY GROUP 8: Bradford Northern v Castleford; Featherstone Rovers v Leeds. OTHER SPORT

GOLF: PGA European Tour school pre-qualitying rounds (Bolton, Manchester and Quantivalers) SNOOKER: World championship qualifying rounds (Blackpoot) SPEEDWAY: Homefire League: First di-vision: Poole v Ioswich (7.30); Odord v Belle Vue (7.45). Supernational: Long Eston v Sheffield (7.30) RACING

Swinburn hoping to be back for ride on Marling

By Richard Evans. Racing Correspondent

WALTER Swinburn hopes to be fit to ride Marling in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes on Saturday week after more than three weeks on the side-lines due to a bizarre late-night

Speaking yesterday for the first time about the effects of being knocked to the ground in Newmarket, he admitted that at one time he feared his riding career might be over.
Swinburn suffered concus-

sion, complications with an ear infection which affected his balance, and underwent another brain scan last Friday. "I am more or less over the concussion and I have been doing light exercise, walking and steady jogging, very

"It has not been straightforward, that is for sure. It has not been easy, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. It is a question of doing the right thing and not coming back too early. I want to be 100 per cent fit when I come back and not let anyone down.

There was a slight infection in the ear but that's over. It didn't help things. It all came from the blow and I am very, very hucky. If it had been a bit either way, it could have been a lot worse. I suffered bad bruising.

The fear of never riding again "had crossed my mind,"

"I have got good people looking after me and it is heading the right way. I had a brain scan on Friday and there was a big improvement compared to the one taken when I first went into hospital, and they don't want to see me

any more.
"I will know myself when I am ready to make a comeback. I would like to think I will be back next week. Obviously there is Marling in the big race at Ascot and other good rides."

John Reid will replace the suspended Ray Cochrane on Selkirk, favourite for the

Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. Reid rode the Sussex Stakes runner-up to success in his first race as a two-year-old.

lan Balding, trainer of Selkirk, said yesterday: "We are pleased to get a jockey who has ridden Selkirk before. He is a strong horse and needs holding up for one late run."

With Willie Carson on duty at the Curragh on Saturday. where he rides Jahafil in the Irish St Leger. Francis
Arrowsmith is set to step in on
Lochsong, favourite for the
Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup.
The 24-year-old jockey

partnered the Stewards' Cup and Portland Handicap winner to success at Newbury last October but has not ridden the much-improved sprinter this year. Indeed, the apprentice is still seeking his first win of the

Balding, who cannot recall having had a previous runner in the Ayr sprint, said yesterday. "Obviously it is taking a bit of a chance, but Francis gets on with the filly extremely well and is definitely worth his 7lb claim. He is a very good horseman."

A hectic weekend for the Kingsclere trainer will see Spinning, ridden by Cochrane, running in the Man O'War Stakes at Belmont where Adam Smith and Dear Doctor are among his proba-



Swinhum: feared riding

Strong raid on Curragh

DRUM Taps heads the 18 selves with a jockey problem as acceptors for the Jefferson Smurlit Irish Memorial St Leger at the Curragh on Saturday but is not a certain

runner. "No firm decision has been made and we're keeping our options open," a stable spokeman said yesterday. If the Ascot Gold Cup winner gets the go-ahead,

connections could find them-

regular rider Frankie Dettori is unlikely to be available.

A powerful British challenge is assured as the acceptors include St Leger winners Michelozzo and Snurge, in addition to Rock Hopper. Mashaallah and Jahafil. IVI ASTRALIZATI ATRU JATIATII.
ACCEPTORS: Drum Taos, Jaharil, Mashaalah, Michebozo, Rock Hopper, Shambo,
Sleer Skey, Snurge, Supreme Choice,
Surreafs; Virtage Crop, Beh, Birk Greek,
Modhish, Tropicar, Antikale, Dabtiye.

Strand, 12 Good Image, Red Ballet, 14 Mr Nevermind (4th), 25 Backstabber, Blue Trumpet, Charles Reward. The Institute Boy, Nightmane Lady, 33 Jack Plumer, Switter, Tresana 20 ran 1 M; 1 M; Int. 1, hd. J Berry at Cocleatham Toter 527.40: 53.70, 65 10, 63.30. DF 5352.60 CSF: 5268.29, Winner bought in for 6,750grs

YESTÉRDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park Going: good foack str good to firm! Corner Good (pack or good to farm) 2.20 (St 6yd) 1, JOBBE (M Hills, 5-1); 2, Bellet (M Roberts, 100-30); 3, Avril Etolie (J Red., 11-4 tay) ALSO RAN¹ 7-2 Belta, 8 Kelly Mar. (4th), 12 Sarasval, 16 See Baron (Sth), 20 Perfect Passion (8th), 8 ran. NR. Mussialm. 191, nk, 391, nk, 294, W Haggas ay Newmarket. Tote: 25.90; 51.80, E1 10. 51.70. DF: 68.30. CSF: 521.29. C1.70. DF: 69.30. CSF: £21.29.
2.50 (Im 14yd) 1. JDAAYEL (M Roberts, 4-1 tex; Thunder's rapp); 2, Sylvan (J Wallame, 33-7); 3, She's Pleased (J. Dettort, 10-1). ALSO. RAN: 7 Twispin Secret, 9 Agress Flemming, 9 Swellowcoffe, 10 Rocality, 10 Raden, 10 So Smug (Srit), 12 Congress. 12 Hugging, 12 Sweet Jaffs (4th), 14 Wasseelt, 16 Clare Kery, Lass (8th), 14 ran 11/4, ly4, sh hd, 34, hd. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tota: £3.70; £2.10, £7.70, £3.20. DF: £136.40. CSF: £112.15. Trocast: £1,155.29.

E1,156.29.
3.25 (1m 21 7yd) 1, WALBAU (R Cochrane, 15-2); 2, Almuntarrama (M Roberts, 6-1); 3, Gilde Path (M Hills, 11-2), ALSO RAN: 5 g-Few Algerass, 5 k-few Ance Caro (4th.) 9 Sovereign Page (8th.), 10 Karamoja, 11 Scogle Bopper, 14 Showgl, 14 Aremel (5th.), 16 Tramestar, 16 First Century, 25 Cretices Dencer, 100 Snapply's Boy Josh 14 ran. Sh 1rd, 33, 34, sh 1rd, rik, C Weil at Newmarket, Toter: £10.40; £2.70, £2.50. £2.10, DF; £45.30 CSF: £32.59 Tricest: £254.24. (for £57.50

(22.10. DF: 245-30 CSF: E32-59 Pricest: 256-124. Prior 257-50
3-55 [51 6yd) 1. OUR RITA (A Munro, 5-1); 2. Branston Abby (M Roberts, 11-10 lay); 3. Lietime Fame (R Cochrene, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Storm Melcoty (401), 8 High Principles, 20 Loose Zeus (6th), 38 Som To Be (5th), 7 ran NR1 Hazy Shades. Hd. 254, nk. 254. W. P. Kellewey at Newmerket. Tote: 55-40; C2-00, £1.50. DF. £5.40 CSF. 210.50. Imin 3.02sec.
4.30 (1m 14yd) 1, GEISWAY (Pat Eddery, 9-4 lay, Mandarin's nap); 2. Shebt (S Csuthen, 6-1); 3. Declassified (L Detroit 10-1) ALSO RAN's 2-Repid Success (6th), 14 Encolin (4th) 6 ran. 2, 5th Id. hd, 21, 71. R Hannon at East Everleigh Tote: C2-00; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £5.70 CSF; £13.83. Imin 44.58esc.
5.00 (Im 6f) 1, BOLD RESOLUTION (M

. 28.70 CSF: £13.88. 1min 44.58eac.
5.00 (1m 6) 1. BOLD RESOLUTION (M. Roberts, 10-1): 2. Iris Starmp (S. Cagnen, 13-2): 3. Grove Sevendipity (M. Adams, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 lav Miss Ph. Up (4th). 11-2. Greak Chime, 7 Quadrireme, 8 Constructivist, 8 Indian Decision (8th), 14 Mahrajan, 14 Trojan Lancer, 14 Top Table, 20 Luis Alouz, 25.linga, 25 Blushing Belle (5th), 33 Celicon 15 ran. 2, 11, 11, 11, nd. C Cyzer at Horshein Tote £10.60; £3.00, £4.30.
55.40. DF: 544.70 CSF: \$72.89. Tricast: 2855.55. Tric. £212.20. 3thin 4.73eac.

2855-39. This: E272.20 3mm 4.73sec 6.30 (1m II) 1, MARRUS (Pat Eddery, 13-2): 2. Aldermay Prince (A Murro, 5-1); 3, Final Fronties (F Northon, 3-1 fav), ALSO RAN; 11-2 Copport Tel (4th), 8 World Express (5th), 8 Shyrion (6th), 11 Nu Shan, 16 Don'l Forgal Marie, 18 C D Shereplan, 50 Hälsdown, Boy, 50 Arogant Foot, 50 Miss Ribbons, 12 ran, 11, 354, 234, 21, nb, 8 Hills at Lambourn, Tote: 26 80, 12-80, 12-10, 15-50 DF-223 50 CSF: E36.10, Tacast; 2105 67 1min 57 74sec

Jackpot; not won (Pool of 960,299.84 carried over to Sendown today).

Piacepor 2131.60. Yarmouth

Going: good Goting: good 2.10 (Im 6f 17yd) 1, HIGHLAND FANTASY (D Holland, 13-2); 2, Nemir (G Hind, 3-1); 3, Flaminge Rose (W Ryan, 9-1); ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Housta Mee (4th), 5 Shesacelight, 10 Free Transfer, 20 Bayrn, 23 See Pet. Saf Al Adi (6th), 50 Whatcomesnaturally (5th), 65 Princese Edita; 11 ran 244; 24h (6th), 50 Whatcomesnaturally (5th), 51 B Hille at Lambourn, Tota: (13.20; 52.50), 51 40, 623 0 DF, 225.50, 525.94 94 40 (6th), 24 1 RAI ACSCRATE TOWN HIS 2-40 (8/3)-1], PALACEGATE TOUCH (G Carter, 3)-1]; 2, Texas Cowplif (W Hood, 14-1); 3, Dute Of Budwoth (P Robinson, 16-1). ALSO RAN 6 (h-tavs 8e Polite, Legendary Hero (50), 13-2 Dowreyne (6th), 9 Oont 8e Selo, 10 Mes Fayruz, See

2268 29. Winner bought in for 6,750gns 3.10 (813vd) 1, KiNG'S SIGNET (G Hind, 3-11av); 2, Sesperella (P Robinson, 20-1); 3, Nagdia (I Weaver, 9-1) ALSO RAN 5 Take Dancer, 13-2 First Gold, 7 Tinathai Image, Waders Dreem (6th), 10 Hi-Tech Honda (4th), 14 Watstead, 16 Palecegate Racing, 25 Forest Fary, Less Ed (5th) 12 ran 134, 134, 134, 134, 154, 16, J Goaden at Newmarket, Total: £4.20; £2.00, £3.80, £3.20 DF £34.60 CSF: £55.10, Tricast: £449.71, 0.40.60 E34.60 CSF: E55.10. Tricast: £449 71.
3.40 (6f 3yd) 1, RACING TELEGRAPH (R
Price, 5-1; Private Handicapper's top
rating); 2, Perrittion (R Hits, 6-1); 3, Mark's
Club (D Hotland, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 tev
800's Fletum (4th), 9 Solash Of Salt, 8
Soring Stopence (5th), 10 Who's The Best.
12 Gangleader, 20 Home Altair,
Sessemouse, 25 Access Festivals,
Trangleporti, Our Shedee (5th), 33 Distanti
Spring, Smith N'Allan, 50 More Than Love
16 ran, 11, 29th, 14, 41, 41, 12 Peence at.
Newmerket, Tote 55 70; £1 90, £2 10.
£4 80 DF: £8.20 CSF. £35.78
4.10 (7f 3yd) 1, TRUNKOLEY WOOD (D E4 80 DF: CB.20 CSF. E35.78
4.10 (71 3yct) 1. TRUNDLEY WOOD (0)
Harrison, 11-11), 2. Assestruck (N Day, 15-8
fav); 3. Salent Expression (M Techniat, 9-2)
ALSO RAN, 13-2 Westing Cap, Societies Bay
(Sth). 9 Strike-A-Pose (4th). 10
1-as-cora in-pose, 11 Formuseitre (8th). 10
1-as-cora in-pose, 12
1-as-cora in-pose, 12
1-as-cora in-pose, 13
1-as-cora inslewards, enqury, result stood.

4.40 (1m 3yd) 1, NG4TT TRANSACTION (N Varley, 1-1); 2. Const Flutter (B Larre, 9-1); 3. Yonge Tender (J Curare, 14-1), ALSO RAN: 3 lav Case For The Crown. 5 Roza Murada, 6 Shining Jewel (5th), State Of Allaira (6th), 10 Possassive Lady, 11 Edgesway, 12 Deaves (4th), 20 Blue Driber, Don't Drop Bombs, Henry Will, 33 Society, Chaff 15 rar. NFR Magymbart, Octionurs, 144, sh. hd, 3, hd, 151 A. Hde at Newmarlard Totte; 224,00: C5.10, C4.30. E8 10. DF, 190 90. CSF 191 68 Tricast: 51,429.52
Placepot: not won (pool of £5,156.30)

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Ptacepot: not won (pool of £5,158.30 carried forward to Yarmouth today) Sedgefield Going: firm

2.30 (2m 51 110yd hole) 1, Mr Reiner (D Ryan, 6-1): 2, Bick Banedict (14-1), 3, Mulbaaris (8-1) Clovermil (8-5 tav 1) ran, 1161, 101, J Wade, Tote: £5 80, £2 10, £1.90, £1 90, DF £35 10 CSF £79,50 Tricast, £524.39 1024 38 3.00 (3m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Midland Lad (A Mutholland, 6-4 tay), 2, Fingers Crossed (9-41; 3, Hardihero (12-1), 6 ron, Nik, 3l. J. Eyro Tote: 52:30; 51:80, 51:90 OF- 63:00 CSF. 55:14.

E11.95, 4.35 (2m 51 110yd indie) 1, No Sid No Starts (J. Celtaghan, 6-1); 2, Siver Helio (7-2), 3, Souson (8-4 (av) 11 ran. Hd. 2½; G Moora-Tote, E5.50; E1.50, E1.50, E1.20, DF; £8.20, CSF; £25.81
5.05 (2m 11 10yd) 1, King Optimist, 5 Turner, 18-1), 2, Solt Second (17-2); 3, Royal Vacation (Evens lay) 10 ran. NP: Bald Mood 15/1, 2½; 4, Smalt, Tote; £22.40, CSF, £1.91, 46, After & stewards; gropary, result stood. stood.

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Courage Clubs championship title against Harlequins at the Recreation Ground, Barnes has yet to play this month after tearing a calf muscle in training, but if he declares himself fit today, it will come as great relief to his club. They were encouraged by the form shown at stand-off half in Italy last week by Craig Raymond. a recruit from Aldermaston, but Barnes's wellbeing is critical to their

hopes of retaining the title. Moreover, if Barnes is to sustain his challenge to Rob Andrew for further international caps (both are in the training squad for September 26-7), he needs to make his case in time for England's game against Canada on October 17.

"I was disappointed to miss the first squad weekend with England," Barnes said yesterday. "I have kept up my level of work after returning from the England B tour of New Zealand and felt sharp and fit. so when I couldn't make it, I was concerned. I'm pleased to be part of the next squad. Fortunately, it was a fairly clean tear. I've had a huge amount of treatment and I was encouraged after training



Barnes: training injury

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

Justin Redrup, the Weish under-21 centre, has returned to Bristol after a brief flirtation with Newport. Redrup played 30 games for Bristol last season, but opted for the Welsh club during the summer. He played in the match last weekend between the second teams of the two clubs, but trained two days later with Bristol, who still hold his registration. Since he has not appeared for Newport in any competition Bristol believe he remains eligible for league

and cup rugby.

London Irish, who play Bath on September 26, hope players involved in Ireland's squad training that weekend will be given dispensation to play the league match before travelling to Dublin.

Last season, the dub was disappointed to lose its international players at a crucial period in the league pro-gramme but is optimistic that those named in the national squad on Sunday will remain

first division league matches and an inter-provincial championship match within eight days, after which squad training may come as light relief. The Exiles, who beat Munster on their provincial debut last weekend, have named an unchanged XV. Wellington: Alex Wyllie, the former All Black coach, appears certain to coach the senior side of South Africa's Eastern Province next year. Wyllie has been coaching the the A team.

However, because the Irish Exiles meet Leinster at Don-

nybrook next Tuesday, ten

London Irish men face two

province's B team and has applied for the position with Wyllie said yesterday his appointment would not be confirmed until the end of October, but he understood the provincial union's annual meeting had been brought forward by a month to "set things in place". He said the A team's coach had retired this

TODAY'S FIXTURES

NEVILLE OVENIDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Milwall; Charlton v Norword /7 0); loswoch v OPR; Odord Unded v Wast Harr: Southampton v JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic v Halstead,

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Tauntor: Samersel v Essex.

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to encore for Mamdooh FOLLOWING Inner City's victory in a listed race in Italy on Sunday. Mamdooh has a fine chance of landing the Golden Jubilee Challenge Trophy at Yarmouth today. He is my nap,

Judging the form of foreign races is not always easy but, in this instance, that task has been made easier by the fact that the runner-up was the Ian Balding-trained Flashfoot, who was himself the winner of a similar race at Goodwood in May. Yet, in Milan, Inner City beat him all ends up by four lengths.

The time before that Inner City had himself been beaten at Newmarket by Mamdooh. albeit when trying to give Alec Stewart's unbeaten colt 17lb.

The way that Mamdooh won that day suggested strongly that he had more in hand than the judge's verdict of a length and a half might suggest. In the circumstances the handicapper may not have got his measure yet, even though he has been raised 7lb for that victory.

To prove the point, Marndooh is taken to account again for Corcina, who fin-ished third in that Newmarket race, even though she is 91b

YARMOUTH

(2) 0-24140 CHSDUERS 8 (D.6) (D. Johnson) R Williams 3-9-2.
(7) 004060 ARMASHOCKER 83 (F Router) D Sass 4-9-0.
(8) 642622 ARE GIRL 16 (D.F) (Mrs P Bereit) S Routing 3-8-11.
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(6) 0045-00 SAFAN 95 (B) (Mrs R Haves) D Monts 3-8-10.
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(10) 000-800 ALTON BELLE 19 (B) (Mrs P Stroot) P Howling 3-8-5.
(9) 404 J ARRIVE 19 (Mrs R Sneath) J Pearcs 3-8-5.

2.40 LIFEBOAT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0 colfs & geldings: £2,490: 7(3yd) (12 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Chespers, 4-1 Age Girl, 9-2 Red Int., 5-1 Salten, 6-1 Gerates Lady, 7-1 Arija. 19-1 others.

1991: MCA BELOW THE LINE 3-9-2 D Micholls (13-2) W Pearce 13 ran

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BETTING: 13-8 Yelson, 100-30 Shareek, 9-2 Complexy, 5-1 Beggarmen Thiel, 6-1 Press Balley, 8-1 Bensak, 12-1 Necson Comma, 20-1 others.

1997; BANDMASTER 9-0 Paul Eddery (8-11 lav) Mrs J Cach 9 ran

BETTINGS: 11-4 Flashy's Sun, 7-2 Coral Flutter, 5-1 Silley Siren, Sure Shot Marman, 8-1 Ballerina Bay, Phenage Plance, 10-1 Alfondable, 12-1 Almasa, 16-1 others.

1991: NO CORRESPONDONS RACE

Blinkered first time

3.10 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP

. MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Italian connection points

better off for three and a half

Stiff opposition can also be expected from Zalon, Pabouche, Vallance and Wild Fire but I feel that Mamdooh has the scope to remain unbeaten

and show that he is destined to

scale greater heights in due While Michael Roberts will be on duty at Yarmouth principally to ride Marndooh, Pat Eddery will be at Sandown where punters can benefit by backing him to land a treble on For Reg (3.20), Gone Savage (3.50) and Besotted

Now that it is quite clear that Alec Stewart has succeeded in nursing his string back to form after being plagued by a virus for so long. For Reg looks a good bet to win the Jan Greig Benefit Handicap.

The winner of his only race as a two-year-old, For Reg was far from disgraced when fifth in the Dee Stakes at Chester in May, his only start this year. Now, towards the end of a

Paul Ectiony
Stephen Davies (5)
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long season, he will strip far sprinter receives 10lb from the fresher than most of today's

El Yasaf, Martin Pipe's runner in the Rookery Claiming Stakes, would be the proverbial certainty if only he were to run as well as he did at Royal Ascot in June when he finished fifth in the King's Stand Stakes.

However, Gone Savage, who has won two handicaps over today's course and distance this season and been pipped on the post in another. looks the more reliable bet, especially as Toby Balding's



Stewart: fancied runners

Like all of the horses trained by Barry Hills at Lambourn, Besotted has had her season curtailed by illness. However, that fine run at Nottingham three weeks ago, when she was beaten only a head by the wellregarded Tapis Rouge hinted strongly that she should be capable of regaining the winning thread inthe Mitre Fillies' Graduation Stakes.

In the Oxshott Nursery, I like none better than the Philip Mitchell-trained Second Chance, who deserves precisely that after finishing second to Katiba at Goodwood last time. Geoff's Risk, third at the Sussex track, looks held on 11b worse terms.

Some attractively-bred newcomers contest the Alington Maiden Stakes, including Captain Jack, a half-brother to Sheikh Albadou, by Salse. However, it often pays to rely on experience in these races and the twice-raced Piston is preferred on this occasion. A good second to Abtaal

when apprentice-ridden at Kempton last time, Piston has the services of Bruce Raymond today and hails from Ben Hanbury's in-form yard.

SANDOWN PARK

MANDARIN 2.20 Second Chance 2.20 ANSELLMAN (nap). 2.50 Piston 2.50 Piston. 3.20 For Reg. 3.50 Gone Savage

3.20 Langtry Lady. 3.50 Gone Savage. 4.20 Barrish. 4.55 Besotted.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.20 Akkazao. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Captain Jack, The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.30 CONFRONTER.

GOING: GOOD (BACK STRAIGHT GOOD TO FIRM) DRAW: 5F 6YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

4.20 Kabayil.

2.20 OXSHOTT STAKES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3.761: 5(6vd) (13 runners)

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03	(1)	13220	TUSCAN DANNE 30 (D.S.) (Mass A Tavemen) J Berry 8-1
24	an	822130	MOVING MARKE 18 (D.S.) (Charaley Part Stud) N. Ball 8-0
15	(6)	301442	SECOND CHANCE 18 (D.S.) (Down and Onto Record) P Mulatrell 7-19 D Bages (2)
15	(12)	402020	WATERLORD 12 (Mrs F. Lansen) C Cox 7-10
17	(7)	205	AUNTITE SINGER 18 (P Dakley) P Butler 7-7 D Toole (7) 81
ij	(10)	54332	GEOFF'S RISK 9 (Roldvala Ltd) 6 Lews 7-7 C Hawksley (7) 93
Ŋ,	(5)	20260	KENSWORTH LADY 12 (P Maithews) M Blanchard 7-7 J Clann 90
10	(8)	2555	BELLSABANGENG 30 (Mrs M Wictham) D Laing 7-7 A Tucker (5) 84
11	(3)	025500	KINTWYN B (Mrs F Bacon) D Lamp 7-7 T Williams 89
12	(9)	002515	CLIDOLY DATE 9 (D,G) (D Them) D Thom 7-7 ISm McDamed (7) 85
13	(3)	600460	PETITE VINO 27 (Mrs. J. Robinson) J. Bridger 7-7 Antiblestie Armes (7) 59
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SETTIME: 94 Testan Dieut, 3-1 Setund Chance, 5-1 Shelia's Secret, 13-2 Ancellman, 9-1 Morang brage, 14-1 Geolf's Risk, Waseford, 20-1 offsets. 1991: SLUE TREER 9-12 B Raymond (7-1) B Hankury 9 rate

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ARR COMMAND 3'41 3rd of 8 to Night Melcoty in Selectiony (51 good to sell) stakes race. CAPTAIN JACK (coaled May 17) Half-brother by Selec to lop-less synthet Shelsh Amadou.

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301 (4) 1-5 FOR REG 132 (5) (0 O'Reilly) A Stewart 3-9-10. Pat Eddary 87
302 (6) 411106 BALLIGA 46 (C.D.F.S) (1 Thompson) 6 Harwood 3-9-4 ... A Clark 91
303 (9) 524210 BIG BLUE 27 (6) (Marc IV. Britain 3-9-4 ... A Clark 91
304 (3) 211120 NEPTUNE'S PET 16 (D.F.) (n. Symoota and Parines) 6 Lews 4-9.3 ... J Reid 3
305 (3) 030455 STRONG SLET 47 (8.F.6) (6 Howard-Spieto R Hawson 3-9-2 ... S Withhardth 89
306 (5) 634800 LANGTRY LADY 11 (V.D.F.S) (Mar I Baron) M Ryan 6-8-12 ... D Biggs 89
307 (2) 51-040 BERSETO 71 (S) (5 Tomison) H Coall 3-9-11 ... B Raymond 89
308 (1) 143004 AGGAZAO 18 (C.D.F.) (E Parinot) W Carter 4-9 ... B Rocasta 93
309 (1) 143004 AGGAZAO 18 (C.D.F.) (E Parinot) W Carter 4-9 ... B Rocasta 93
309 (1) 545406 CANDENT RANSOM 13 (D.F.) (8 Callen) D Bowrin 5-8-2 ... J Williams 59
310 (7) 038553 DANCE ON SOPERCE 11 (V.C.F.6) (J. Kelly) H Collingridge 4-7-9 ... J Duling 18
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FOR FEG 5%1 5th of 7 to My Memoirs in Chester (1m 2) 75yd, good to firm) Island race. BIG BLUE best Morth Russel II in 10-turner Riport (1m 1) DBN'S RANSONI 384 4th of 21 to Lutie Bean in good) meiden on penultimate start. KEPTUNETS PET 25% 2nd of 4 to Avice Caro in Beginson (1m 2, firm) handicap on penultimate start. AKKAZAO 51 4th of 10 to Surrey Dancer in Selection: AKKAZAO 51 4th of 10 to Surrey Dancer in Selection: AKKAZAO (nap)

3.50 ROOKERY CLAIMING STAKES (£2,921: 51 6yd) (7 runners) BETTING: 11-8 Gone Savage 5-2 El Yacol 5-1 Pay's Song 13-2 Dickets Lane, 14-1 Lyndon's Limet, 40-1-3) Sufal Black Jewel 1991; EASY LINE 6-6-5 M (Lenam (6-4 tax) P feutore 6 ran FORM FOCUS EL YASAF 111 10th of 11 to Lync Fartish in group i Recretand Neithorpe Spiles at York (St. groot to tom). GONE SAVAGE Dect Missteroparceus Gai on the over ourse and dissince (good to som) on pensionade start with DICKENS LANE (18th worse). 4.20 HEADWAY PROPERTY INITIATIVES HANDICAP

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504	(19)	022304	WESTERN DYNASTY 11 (D.F.G.S) (M kessen) (4 Ricci 6-9-7 J Wester (5)	9
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505	(15)	035-631	L'UOMO CLASSICS 13 (F.S) (Mr. A Cakston) R Rave 5-9-4	9
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4.55 MITTE FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-0, £3,510; 1m 2f 7yd) (4 runners)

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5.30 HERSHAM APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-D: £2,999: 7f 16yd) (9 runners)

Long handicar: Counterchech 7-6, Great Half 7-0, Scrudgetruppen 6-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Confinciar. 4-1 Cappahocet, 6-1 By Hand, 8-1 Hopetel Bid. Microcco, 14-1 Contain Late, 16-1 Countercheck. 25-1 Great Hall, Smidgemapum.

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2.10 NEWTO	WN SELLING STAKE	\$ (£2,469: 1m 3yd) (10 runners)				1, 74-T o f	sima, 2-1 Angus Dundee, 9-2 Premiura, 7-1 Marrizelle Angot, 10-1 MASS Fayraz, Pod Ness. 1991: LE BARON PERCHE 8-5 G Barter (70-1) C James 16 cae
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3.10 Silky Siren 3.40 Matron Of		3.10 Flashy's Son.	}		(12)		ROSE FLYER 33 (A Packaging Ltd) M Claspman 8-6
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2.10 Red Ink.		2.10 Ace Girl.		3	(9)	51050	PREMIUM 20 (B.BF.G) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbrads Ltd) W Hargas 8-7 M Roberts
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			BARFORD LAD 46 (D.F.S) (Mrs. C Handscombe) J Fanshame 5-9-1. R Cochrame	
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		CLEAR SOUND 39 (Str Robin McAlpine) G Wagg 3-7-12 D Harrison (3)	
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5.10 HALVERGATE HANDICAP (£3,114: 5f 43yd) (7 runners)

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3.15 MURPHYS IRISH STOUT NOVICES CHASE (£2,120: 2m 1(110yd) (10)

3-1 St Athens Led, 7-2 Frisco City, 4-1 Kino, 5-1 Bankrolt, 6-1 Scotori, 10-1 Master South Led, 12-1 Play The Blans, 20-1 others

3.45 TROPHY BITTER SELLING HURDLE (£1,418: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

Geisway in line for big-race tilt

By RICHARD EVANS

RICHARD Hannon set off swiftly in pursuit of another thousand winners when sending out Geisway to win the Blue Riband Futurity Stakes at Sandown yesterday.

Twenty-four hours after notching his 1,000th winner, the East Everleigh handler had few worries as Pat Eddery struck in the feature race. After tracking Declassified and Shebl, the champion jockey eased the 9-4 favourite into the lead at the furlong-pole

before going on to win by two

lengths. An expensive purchase by Hannon standards — Joss Collins of the BBA splashed out more than \$100,000 --Geisway is entered in the top autumn races and will proba-

bly take his chance in the Royal Lodge Stakes or the Dewhurst Stakes. A 59-day break since his previous run proved beneficial for Geisway who appeared to have strengthened up. "We gave him a bit of a rest and it has worked. He will be a lovely horse next year

and will get ten furlongs easily," Hannon said. Chris Wall has had to endure a severe bout of seconditis this season with more than 20 of his runners finishing in the runner-up Spot

From the stands it looked as though Walimu had been pipped on the line by Almuhtarama in the Woodchester LMS Handicap and would add to Wall's unfortunate tally. For once, however, the photo-finish decision went Wall's way. "We have been second so

many times this year I have almost got used to it," Wall said. Walimu, who survived two operations on a twisted gut last summer, may now run in the Cambridgeshire. The Michael Roberts band-

wagon kept rolling with a double on Jdaayel and Bold Resolution and the champion jockey elect is now only 23 winners short of his double century for the season.

The modern-day record of 209, set by Eddery two years ago, is still within reach of the South African rider.

BEVERLEY 2.30 Penny Banger. 3.00 Tyrian Purple. 3.30 Ume River. 4.00 Catherines Well. 4.30 Avro Anson. 5.00 Glacial Moon. 5.35 Safir.

THUNDERER 2.30 Penny Banger. 3.00 Cold Shower. 3.30 Runrig. 4.00 Catherines Well. 4.30 Broctune Grey. 5.00 Glacial Moon. 5.35 Safir.

DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.30 HUMBER ESTUARY NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,884: 71 100yd) (19 runners)



3.00 HUMBERSIDE SEAHAWKS HANDICAP

(£3,236: 1m 100yd) (15)

A Garth (7) 13
15 6350 DOCTOR'S REMEDY 18 (F) Mrs. J Jordan 6-7-7 C Teague (7) 6 7-2 Eden's Close, 5-1 Tyrian Purple. 6-1 Huso. 7-1 Cold Shower, 8-1 Who's Tel. 10-1 Lawaswood Junier, Rooting, 14-1 Doctor's Remedy, 16-1 others 3.30 HUMBERSIDE LEISURE SERVICES MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,700: 7f 100yd) (18)

1 0425 HD_JOE 47 A Harrison 8-11
2 800 WRIGHTMBL 27 (V) C Triaker 9-9
3 0 BORNAME 15 M H Experty 1-8 M A
4 052 DARBINE PAST 29 R Boxs 6-9 N Kerner
5 B042 LATEST FLAME 8 M CTAMON 8-8 D D
6 0/JD MRPANICH 8 M TOATHON 8-8 D D
6 0/JD MRPANICH 8 M TOATHON 8-8 A C
7 54 AVASTOR'S DREAM 15 J BORDONINY 8-6 A C
9 CYRANO DIAMAGNO Rought Thompson 8-5 M
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2 040 LIME RIVER 21 M Tompton 8-5 P R
4 05 JASILU 56 M W Exstriy 8-7 S Male
5 9 WEST 900 SRIQ 8 R WILLIAMS 8-1 C
5 7 ZIS FRINKS 2 MBS L PORTA 8-1 J
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4.00 RAFFINGORA SPRINT HANDICAP

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4.30 SNOWY GRAY MEMORIAL HANDICAP

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4	00-1	AVRO ANSON 156 (G) M Camacha 4-8-5 N Connorto
5	4046	YORKSHIRE HOLLY 118 (CO.F) M Auson 9-8-1 A Proof
,	0620 4130	JOHN SHAW 15 (F) J Walswright 4-7-12 P Burke ESCAPE TALK 36 (C.F) J Dooler 5-7-7 J. J Farming
8	1633	REXY BOY 47 (D.F.G) W Banks 5-7-7 J Low
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12-1 8	Ezari. 1	6-1 New Boy. 20-1 Escape Talk.

5.00 BURTON AGNES MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0 fillies: £2,215: tm 11 207yd) (13)

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2	0	BARGA 145 W Ctay 8-11 J Lowe
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4	5-2	EL TARANDA 15 G Wrang B-11 F Norton (
5	5-44	FRENCH REVOLUTION 16 P Network 8-11 W Wood
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B	32	JAWANER 28 R WINERS 8-11 K Dark
ğ	55	MELODY MOUNTAIN 26 C Britain 8-11 G Created
10		NEIEB 6 B Hanbury B-11 Dean McKeow
11	4022	OAK APPLE 79 (BF) B Hanbury 8-11 M Blot
12	2-44	PORTREE 60 (BF) H Cacil 8-11
13	205	REMARY 9 J Fanstowe 8-11 R HE
4-1 Pc	vivee, S	3-2 Rescon Beacous, 5-1 El Taranda, 6-1 Glacial Moon, 8-1
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: H Cecil, 18 witners from 42 numers, 42.5%; M Channon, 5 from 15, 33.3%, B Hills, 9 from 33, 27.3%, J Durdop, 5 from 21, 23.8%, G Harwood, 6 from 26, 23.1%; G Wragg, 3 from 13, 23.1%. JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 6 winners from 24 rides. 25.0%, R 1485. 7 from 42, 16.7%. N Darley, 27 from 195, 13.8%, N Kennedy, 5 from 37, 13.5%, D Holtand, 5 from 39, 12.8%, J Fortune, 12 from 98, 12.5%.

Taaffe remembered in Cheltenham chase

CHELTENHAM is to stage a ham's managing director, successful Irish jockey at Chelrace in memory of Pat Taaffe. who died in July.

The Pat Taaffe Novices Chase, with £15,000 in added prize-money, will be run on Saturday, December 12. Edward Gillespie, Chelten-

said: "We felt that Pat Taaffe's association with Arkle and Cheltenham was so strong that it would be fitting to remember him on a very highquality race-day." ·

tenham, having ridden 32 winners including three Gold Cups on Arkle from 1964 to 1966 and the 1968 running on Fort Leney. As a trainer he sent out Captain Christy to Taaffe remains the most win the 1974 Gold Cup.

Jockey Club's green light

(£2,723: 7f 3yd) (14 runners)

THE Jockey Club has confirmed that Jo N Jack, the controversial 33-1 selling race winner at Lingfield last week. did not break the rules. The Betting Office Licens-

ees' Association (BOLA). which advised members not to pay out over the winner, sent details of "unusual betting patterns" to the Jockey Club's security department. The Jockey Club yesterday issued a statement saying that

"none of these points involved a breach of the Rules of Racing. However, information about certain aspects of this affair has been passed to the police."

Jo N Jack had a routine dope test after the race and the results have not yet been



EXETER 2.15 Miss Simone. 2.45 Classics Pearl. 3.15 Capital Punishment. 3.45 The Black Monk. 4.15 Skipping Tim. 4.45 Gold Medal. THUNDERER 2.15 Miss Simone, 2.45 Key Dear. 3.15 Bankroll. 3.45 The Black Monk. 4.15 Skipping Tim. 4.45 Gold Medal. 2.15 STELLA ARTOIS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (\$1,453: 2m 3f) (8 runners) UMDLE (\$1,455.21 47) P Nicholfs 7-11-10 M A Fizgerald 1 E24 VDMERO 149 (V) P Nicholfs 7-11-10 M A Fizgerald 2 U/3 LDRD'S FRAIL 27 C Rossell 5-11-9 R Suest 3 5311 MISS SEACHE 6 (B.B.F.S) N Twiston-Davies 6-11-1 (Seq)

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2.45 RODDINGTON BITTER NOVICES CLAIMING

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OP-1 THE BLACK MONK 7 (B.CD.S) M Pipe 4-11-12... P Scutzmor UP-1 PTC SEARCH NUMBER / (D.C.ALS) IN 1709 4-11-72. P SCURRATION THE ATOTY I HISIAMSE 4-11-2. A Tory GREEN'S BOHERT 117F K Comminghists Brown 3-10-5 A Magnife MIDLS WIELL 280F G Hard 3-10-5. S Poweld SIRREY GRITED 121F W G Turser 3-10-6. S Burstught 53 RALAMOSS 18 N Mitchell 3-10-0. G Upton 2-5 The Black Monit, 5-1 Green's Exhibit, 8-1 Kalamiass, 16-1 Sarely Gillad, 20-1 Mates Welt, 25-1 Trn-A-Tou. 4.75 HEINEKEN HANDICAP CHASE 1 1-11 SQPPNG TM 16 (CD.F.G.S) M Pipe 13-12-0 ... P Scudemore
2 3/2-0 TURNSERRY DANN! 11 (D.F.S) T Hotel 10-10-8 ... A Webb
3 11-2 DOOM QUGHAN 17 (BF.F.S) & Baidley 7-10-8 ... J Frost
4 04-4 ROYAL (RAFTSMAN 11 (F.S. 6) Segment 8-10-2
5 4-12 ROYAL SPEEDMASTER 11 (F.S.) O Segment 8-10-2 5 4-11 ROYLE SPEEDMASTER 11 (P.S.) U Stermond 8-10-2
6 212/ WATERSMET DOWN 739 (C.F) P Hobbs 9-10-0. B CREDII (3)
7 1PL PEOPLE'S CHOICE 149 (D.F) H Maleal 7-10-0. R Durwoody
8 PSP. UPSTANDING 187 (F) N Dans 10-10-0. C Valuada
9 /356 LENINGRAD 16 (F) P Rodford 8-10-0. 1 Shoemark 2-1 Royle Speedmaster, 9-4 Decripagnan, 11-4 Shipping Tim, 10-1 Royal Casternan, 14-1 Tumberry Dawn, 16-1 People's Choice, 20-1 others. 4.45 WHITBREAD BEST BITTER HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,063: 2m 1f 110yd) (9) 1 40-1 GOLD MEDAL 42 (GD.F.G.S) M Fine 4-12-0 D Fine (7)
2 0/P EM-MONOSEREST 344 B Young 5-12-6 Miss S Young (7)
3 -133 WINESCOMMANDER EATS 16 (D.F.G.S) P Hoths 7-10-4
4 2224 WINDSOR PARK 5 (F) K Bridgester 6-10-3 J Ress (7)
5 0343 BRANO STAR 7 (F) F Lesch 7-10-3 C Wigors (7)
6 0-52 EDDE (VRBO 7 (F, S) 6 Einserts 7-10-2 D Salter (7)
7 P-18 WILLESON 125 (DD.F.A Bearms 8-10-0 D Puddy (7)
9 30-P DOLD MARRIE 20 D R Tucher 7-10-1 Miss S Rown (7)
9 3466 LANE LOD 14 Rhs J Wonsteol 8-10-0 Miss S Rown (7) COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: M Proc. 95 witness from 228 numers, 42.0%; lats F Walwan, 3 from 9, 33.3%; C Wildman, 4 from 14, 28.6%; S Christian, 4 from 15, 28.7%; S Baiding, 22 from 84, 26.2%; O Sherwood, 4 from 19, 21.1%.

ACCIONER F Seasington. 75 witness from 156 fides, 48.1%; G telefourt, 8 from 32, 25.0%; S Ciliford, 5 from 22, 21.7%; B Wilgin, 3 from 16, 18.6%; R Getst, 12 from 68, 17.6%; J Frost, 27 from 123, 17.1%. 5-2 Eddie Nyto, 3-1 Gold Matel, 4-1 Wagstermander Eds, 9-2 Brisio Ser, 6-1 Whiteofren, 25-1 others.

CRICKET

Kent refuse to rest on laurels after fine season

By JACK BAILEY

EDGBASTON (final day of four): Kent (24pts) beat War wickshire (4pts) by an innings

WITHIN a few minutes of Richard Ellison running in from long-off to take a mis-timed drive from Gladstone Small and bring Kent victory by an innings and 143 runs yesterday, Mark Benson, the Kent captain, was receiving a cheque for £23,000 from Britannic Assurance.

Barely an hour had elapsed since Kent had taken the field. Twenty overs, shared by their two main spin bowlers, earned two more wickets for Hooper and three for Davis, and Kent had completed a memorable season. Apart from finishing runners-up to Essex in the championship, Kent were finalists in the Benson and Hedges Cup, quarter-finalists in the NatWest Trophy and sixth in the Sunday League.

Along the way they picked up £48,000 in prize-money. But this was less important to Benson and Daryl Foster, their West Australian coach. than the team's all-round improvement. Both made it clear that there was no room for complacency; for although moving from sixteenth place in the championship to sixth in 1991 and second this year, the harsh fact was that they

had won nothing.
"We shall probably prove to be the best side taken over all forms of cricket this year," Benson said. "We have been lucky to have had no calls for England. But individuals have been unfortunate in not being selected. Kent players have not been favoured by borderline selections."

Foster pointed to dressing room harmony, the ability Kent have shown to score their runs faster than others, and the fact that Davis and Hooner had taken more than 100 wickets between them, as had McCague and Igglesden, the seam bowlers. This all-round bowling strength and

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the scoring of quick runs would be vital to success in next season's four-day game,

Warwickshire's swift demise began when Lloyd, captaining the county for the last time, was neatly picked up at slip. Another fine close in catch, this time by Benson at silly point, accounted for Donald; then Ostler was left stranded and swiftly stumped.

Munton made a better fist

than most of playing the Kent spinners, but provided Davis with his fifth wicket of the innings as Igglesden ran round behind the bowler to catch him. It brought Davis's haul to five for 41, and seven for 79 in the match. Apart from a few defiant blows from Piper, Warwick-shire showed little fight after

KENT: First keninge 603 (f R Ward 153, M R Benson 122, C L Hooper 102, G R Cowdrey 88, N R Taylor 78; N M K Smith 4 for 160) WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 289 (T / Lloyd 76, D A Reeve 51; A P loglesden 5 for

BOWLING: Igglesder, 5-0-16-0; Elison 7-2-21-0; Penn 5-1-21-0; Fleming 4-0-12-0; Hooper 24-5-57-4; Davis 22-8-41-5. Umpires: K E Palmer and D R Shepherd.

DeFreitas makes it hot for Durham

By Peter Ball

GATESHEAD FELL (final day of four): Lancashire (24pts) beat Durham (6) by ten wickets

A FINE undefeated 80 by Jimmy Daley in only his second first-class match could not prevent Lancashire gaining their fourth win of the season yesterday, but it did offer Durham a hint of optimism after a chastening first season in the first-class game.

Already sure of finishing

bottom. Durham's tenth de feat only confirmed the size of the gap still to be bridged. Yesterday, Daley apart, their batting again let them down as DeFreiras produced his best return of the season.

Perhaps he was just trying to keep warm on a cold, wind-swept ground at Low Fell in front of 300 but there was no doubting the hostility of Defreitas, on this occasion encouraged by the slips chorus. He soon had Durham

struggling.
With their batting fragile since the departure of Dean Jones, the home county needed its openers to stay put longer than the second over when Larkins became Martin's only victim to one which

stacle, reached his second fifty of the match before he played on. DeFreitas removed both Smith and Bainbridge to finish a morning stint with three

for 48. While DeFreitas rested, Da-ley, 18, settled in for his ley, 18, settled in for his second big innings in testing circumstances. But when Glendenen was trapped by Austin, Durham's brittle tail was exposed. Austin and the returning DeFreitas took their chance with relish.

ON IN SAME MANUAL OF THE COST
Second innings
W Larkins low b Martin
P W G Parker b DeFrestas
Smith low to DeFreites
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J A Daley not out
J D Glandenen Ibw b Austin
M P Briers b Austin
tAR Fothergill c Hegg to DeFreites
S P Hughes b Defreces
*D A Gravenay c Hegg b Austin \$ J E Brown c Hegg b DeFreites
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Suites (b 7, ib 3, nb 4)

71 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57, 2-88, 3-102, 4-121, 5-222, 6-238, 7-239, 8-243, 9-244, 80 WILNG: DeFrenze 28.3-644-9; Mertin 16-4-9-1; Westerson 14-3-56-0; Austin 15-4-44-2; Bernett 7-3-18-0.

LANCASHIRE: First Irrings 562 (M A Atherton 188, P J Mertin 133, I D Austin 58; P Bainbridge 5 for 100)
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BOMUNG: Hughes 3-1-14-0; Smith 2-0-6-0; Parker 0.1-0-4-0, Umpires: H D Bird and J H Hempshire.

Parker, again a serious ob-

Essex fall to Alleyne

NOT even Graham Gooch at his most dedicated could get Essex out of the hole Gloucestershire had dug for them at Bristol where, despite the England captain's 99th century, the champions went down by seven wickets yesterday (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Gooch batted for over four when Graham Gooch at the Nativest Trophy winners reached a target of 290 with 19 balls in hand.

Robert Croft cashed in as land captain's 99th century, the champions went down by seven wickets yesterday (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

Gooch batte for over four hours and bit only for bound.

hours and hit only five boundaries in his 101. He and Don Topley, who put on 107 in 44 overs for the seventh wicket. looked to be making the game safe when Alleyne had Gooch caught. He went on to make short work of the tail before scoring 73 as Gloucestershire reached a target of 185 with

Allan Lamb was at the helm season, won by an innings.

Robert Croft cashed in as Derbyshire chased an impossible target at Cardiff, taking six for 49 in 7.3 overs to help Glamorgan to victory.

Another off spinner, Harvey Trump, brought the Nottinghamshire innings to an abrupt end with four wickets in 14 balls at Taunton, where took 71 wickets in his first

Salisbury seals strong Sussex finish

By JOHN WOODCOCK

HOVE (final day of four): Sussex (23pts) beat Yorkshire (2) by six wickets

SUSSEX finished Yorkshire off in mid-afternoon yesterday, having bowled them out in their second innings for 259 and scored, somewhat uncomfortably, the 60 runs they needed to win. They therefore take seventh place in the championship, their best since 1985. Yorkshire, for their part, are left languishing in the lower half of the table for the eleventh time in 12

The early loss of the only two batsmen, as distinct from bowlers, Yorkshire had left settled the match. Byas was classically yorked able surprise to Blakey.

With Stephenson and Giddins enjoying a last fling down the wind, and Salisbury beating the bat quite regularly from the other end, it was only a matter, after that, of the time

at which Sussex won. Salisbury did, in fact, come in for some punishment, but he took it cheerfully enough, as he could well afford to do. Without his 11 wickets at Old Trafford last week and his 12 here now, Sussex would never have finished the season on such an encouraging note. Most counties have their own

(player of the year), Giddins (the uncapped player to have contributed most) and Stephenson (the

awards. Sussex's went to Salisbury

England party to play in India this winter is scarcely less lamentable than Gower's and Russell's. It is the total lack of vision and imagination shown by the England committee that is causing such despair. But that is the price we pay, I am afraid.

for the game having fallen into the hands of the professionals. Salisbury finishes the season with 87 wickets at 28,96 apiece, more then any leg spinner since Intikhab Alam took 104 at 28,36 for Surrey in 1971. The last English leg spinner to take more was Robin Hobbs with 102 for Essex at 21.37 in 1970. Hobbs, on average, took a wicket every 7.2 overs and Intikhab every 10.5. Salisbury has taken one every 8.8 overs, and had an accomplished henchman in Moores, who looks a wicketkeeper

When Sussex went in after lunch and Lenham hooked the first two balls of an angry opening over by Jarvis for four, Moxon must have wondered, not for the first time, whether the Yorkshire captaincy was worth the irritation. For the next hour, though, Jarvis bowled the fastest spell I have seen this season. other than from Wagar Younis. The ball fairly thudded into the gloves of Blakey, who was standing a long

Hall was caught at slip by Byas, who has a noticeably good pair of hands; Lenham was caught at long leg and Speight gloved a bouncer to the gully. No one remotely relished playing Jarvis. But there was no spoiling the Sussex party, which ended, in lieu of Auld Lang Syne, with Colin Wells pulling Batty into



Umpires: R Julian and G i Burgess. | Section | Sect Bain Clarkson Trophy: Surrey, Minor counties championship: Staffordshire. this year's Essex overseas play-er, Mark Waugh, with Gra-ham Gooch, captain of the (Nottinghamshire), Croft (Glamorgan) and Curran (Northamptonshire) complet-ed the double of 500 runs and Holt Cup: Devon. National club championship: Bristol county champions, in fourth

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Domestic demands threaten Leeds' chances in Europe

FROM STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, STUTTGART

THE health of English football will again be put to the test in the first round of the European Cup here tonight As the nation's strongest side last season. Leeds United must question the common diagnosis that the domestic game is growing weaker.

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Johann Cruyff, one of the few to have claimed the trophy both as a player and a manag-er. has added his respected voice to those convinced that England can no longer win a club competition it once dominated. The reasons are fixture congestion and the style of play it promotes.
"On the continent, they call

it the English disease," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, said yesterday. "By that, they are not talking about the bubonic plague. Everybody knows we play too many games and it is a very serious ssue which nobody seems to be doing anything about. Not being able to compete in Europe on equal terms is bad minutes than usual this bad enough but it goes down season and, in Wilkinson's to the very roots of our game. The physical demands are so much greater nowadays, especially with the back-pass rule eliminating breaks in the action, and players need longer to recover.

Leeds coped with the intolerable strain better than anyone but they were spared extra rigours last season. Manchester United knocked them out of both the FA Cup and Rumbelows Cup in January to do their rivals ultimately a decisive favour in the championship.

Even more ironically, the

reward for Leeds is to enter a sort of mentality. One bad minute, one awkward bounce and you are out" Leeds have endured more

Villa claim £1m owing from Platt's transfer

By Chris Moore

ASTON Villa were in contact with Uefa last night over claims they are still owed £1 million by the Italian club, Bari, following the move of David Platt to Juventus.

Included in the British record £5.5 million transfer deal that took Platt from Villa to Bari in July 1991 was a clause guaranteeing Villa 50 per cent of any sell-on profit. When Platt left Bari for Juventus during the summer, the move was recorded in Italy as being worth £7-8 million. Villa believe they are entitled to at least £1 million as their

share of Bari's profit. Bari claim they did not make any profit because they sold Platt for what they paid

est in a £400,000 transfer

from West Ham United. Fos-

ter, 28, is expected to sign at

the City Ground this morning

after discussing personal terms with Brian Clough, the

With Forest bottom of the

Premier League and having

lost their last six games, it is

the worst start to a season

Clough has experienced in his

He is hoping the 6ft 4in

central defender will help fill

the breach left by Des Walker's

departure for Italy. Ron

Fenton, Clough's assistant.

said yesterday: "Having Colin

Forest manager.

managerial career.

for him and the argument centres on the makeweight involved in the deal, the Juventus player, Angelo Alessio. He was valued at around £2 million and joined Bari as part of the transfer. There's a lot of money at

stake," Steve Stride, the Villa secretary, said. "We've sent the relevant documents to Uefa and await their response." Platt is expected to make his competitive debut for Juventus in their Uefa Cup first-round tie against Anorthosis Fama-

gusta, of Cyprus, tonight. Barcelona, the European champions, play Viking Sta-vanger, of Norway, while Real Madrid visit Timisoara, of

By Louise Taylor COLIN Foster is today poised here would give us more a long-term knee ligament to return to Nottingham For- competition in an area of the injury - might be keen to talk

field where everyone knows we

Foster has been a regular in

the West Ham first team for

the past three seasons - Iou

Macari, the then Upton Park

manager, paid £750,000 for

The money from Foster's

return to Forest will enable

Billy Bonds, the present West

Ham manager, to buy John

Byrne, the Sunderland

In the unlikely event of

Foster failing to agree a con-

tract with Clough, Chelsea -who have lost Paul Elliott with

have had a problem this

season."

him in 1989.

forward.

opinion, have also suffered from more than the odd awkward bounce. Any error in tonight's first leg against VfB Stuttgart need not necessarily be conclusive but the defence may, in any case, be strengthened by the recall of Dorigo the victim of a stomach virus over the weekend. The right flank could still be vulnerable. Newsome is an inadequate full back and Wilkinson may be tempted to bring in Rocastle there for his debut.

Apart from Cantona Rocastle is the only other member of the squad to have played in Europe in the last knockout tournament which is the speciality of neither their team nor their manager. "I'm not a cup man." Wilkinson claims that naivety not a cup man." Wilkinson can be equally beneficial. "Maybe it is better to be wideeyed and reckless," he said.

Strachan shares the view He has not played in Europe since Manchester United's de feat by Videoton in the Uefa Cup seven years ago. "That was so long ago that this will be a new experience." the Scot. aged 36, said. "For me this is like Disneyland, a fantasy." Stuttgart are no more accus-

tomed to performing on the most glamorous stage. Their only previous appearance in the European Cup could not have been briefer. The Bulgarians of Levski Spartak knocked them out in the opening round in 1984. Wilkinson still holds the Germans in high regard although three key players are doubtful. Buck is unlikely to take his place in midfield because of a thigh strain and a knee injury threatens the German international, Frontzeck. His fellow defender, Schaefer, is

troubled by a leg muscle. "This is a meaty tie," Wilkinson said, "and our street credibility will go up if we beat them. There are no cheap victories when you play their

Chelsea are aiming to re-

place Dave Beasant, their

goalkeeper, by the weekend

and are after Les Sealey. of

Sealey, 35, is the under-

study to Nigel Spink at Villa

Park and has also played for

Coventry City, Luton Town

and Manchester United.

to the centre half.

Aston Villa.

Foster strengthens Forest

Jonny Searle, left, and his brother. Greg. Britain's Olympic coxed pairs champions, took to a dragonboat yesterday in the build-up to the World Corporate Games in London from September 26 to October 4. Dragonboat racing is one of 22 sports being contested

RUGBY LEAGUE

Davies says amateur code now lucrative

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JONATHAN Davies, the former Wales rugby union inter-national, has said he would not have switched to rugby league had he enjoyed the benefits now openly available to nugby union players.

Davies, now a Widnes player, said in an interview: "In the situation the English [union] players are in now, I wouldn't have gone to league because they are at the peak of their game and are very, very marketable. With the laws being relaxed and the World Cup coming along in South Africa, there is a lot more money to be made in rugby Davies also suggested that

the amateur code had the more professional attitude. "Rugby league is really so far behind union in traiting and fitness tests, you wouldn't believe it. When I first went to rugby league three years ago we were doing physical tests at Widnes that I'd done as a 21-year-old in Wales.

more professional in union for three weeks.

than league. This is especially true at international level."

Davies gave his opinions alongside Jeremy Guscott, the England rugby union centre. in this week's issue of Sports Quarterly magazine. He emphasised that he did not regret his decision to join Widnes. But Davies said: "I can't see any difference between union and league nowadays except that [in league]

we get paid openly."
Guscott said: "I don't think
the game would change that much if rugby union were to turn professional. Everything that happens is always within the regulations. For example, if someone went to a club and said, 'How are you attracting these players, because there have been rumours they are receiving payment, the club can say 'No, they are receiving expenses'.

☐ Gary Connolly, the St Helens centre, has been added to a lengthening Great Britain casualty list after the recur-"The dietary preparation reflect of an ankle ligament and expert assistance is even injury, which will sideline him

POLO --

Santa chopped down

THE tournament for the Guards Club's autumn league continued at Smith's Lawn yesterday with the match between Chop 'n' Santa (re-ceived '2) and Palmera, who won 6-3½ (John Watson

Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager, said: "There has writes). A couple of penalty converbeen an enquiry about Les sions from Palmera's No. 3. from Chelsea." Craig Short is due to have his £2.7 million transfer from Derek Reid, put paid to Chop 'n' Santa's handicap advantage in the first chukka. There-Notts County to Blackburn after, Palmera's superiority Rovers confirmed today.

was displayed in their close integration, in Chop 'n' Santa's tendency to cross the line. and in Reid's remarkably consistent accuracy in front of

goal. In the second match, Azurra beat Lambourne 7-412. Deat (Lambourne 7+42.

SARACENS: 1, T Selemire (3): 2, R
Multihews (5); 3, D Red (6): beck.

J Grean-Armytage (1).

CHOP IN SANTA: 1, W Bond Elice (1): 2, M
Amoore (4), 3, H Femandez-Librenie (7):
back, B Morreon (2).

AZURRA: 1, C Hyde (0): 2, M Zinnermann
(6): 3, A Seavill (5): beck, A Parrotl (4).

LAMBOURNE: 1, K Dhilton (1): 2, A Parrotl
(5), 3, R Pando (6): beck, J Seabrook (1).

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 1, Crystal Palace 1

LEAGUE OF WALES: Corrected results: Securdary: Havarlordwest 4, Connah's Ouey 0; Llandices 1, Abergavenny 1.

PREMIER LEAGUE: Covertry 1, Totten-

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chalses 5. Portsmouth 1

Cheesa S. Porsnoum 1
DADORA LEAGUE: Premier division:
Bognor 0, Windsor and Eton 1 Second
division: Meiden Valle 2, Saffron Walden 0.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division:
Cuzzon Ashton 1, Faraley Celbor 1; Guiseley
2, Bridington Town 2, Worksop 0,
Eastwood 3.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH, Corshalton 3, British Army 1.

Late results on Monday

Forsbrand does the double

BY MEL WEBB

ANDERS Forsbrand maintained the form that has made him just about the only credible challenger to Nick Faldo at the top of this season's European order of merit by win-ning the Equity and Law Challenge at Royal Mid-Surrey yesterday.

By gathering 316 birdies and 11 eagles in 21 European Tour events. Forsbrand had already won £25,000 for heading the nine-month qualifying table in the revised Stableford format of the competition. In scoring 20 points from the 54 holes of the final shoot-out, he pocketed another £25,000 -the first time in the event's sixvear history that the same player has won both sections. The composite course at

Royal Mid-Surrey, already short enough at 5,698 yards to offer birdie chances at nearly every hole, was reduced at times to little more than a pitch-and-putt layout for the big-hitting Forsbrand.

The Swede, who won by three points from Russell Forsbrand, who masks a fierce determination with a sleepy Claydon, with Robert Allenby. public face that fools nobody of Australia, a point further back, had collected seven argument when he brought points in the morning round after being a touch miffed that his heavy artillery to bear on the 13th, a 265-yard teaser of he had picked up no more a par four.

than five in the first round. For some it was an iron and The lean and laconic a chip; for this man no more Forsbrand started well than a solid driver. He put his enough after lunch with birdtee shot to 15 feet and sank the ies at the 2nd, 4th and 7th, but a gentle afternoon stroll putt for an eagle and two points. turned into a headlong flight "It was fun." he said. At £25,000 for two days' work, it into the welcoming arms of his bank manager with a royal would be.

THREE-ROUND SCORES (GB and te unless stated). 20: A Forsbrand (Sect 501s, 7, 8, 17; R Claydon, 7, 3, 7, 6; R Allenby (Aus.), 9, 1, 6, 15; M Moutand, 5, 6, 4; M Mactionale, 7, 5, 3, 14; B Marchbank, 5, 6, 3, 13; P Lawrie, 4, 3, 6, P Hall, 2, 6, 5, 6, 5, 15; J Clarke, 3, 4, 5, P Broadburst, 3, 5, 4, M Gates, 5, 2, 5, 11; J Tressported (4, 8); 3, 4, 8, 2, 8, 5, 12, 2, 6, 8 patch just after the turn. He birdied the 10th with a little chip to 15 feet, and repeated the trick on the next hole after a drive and an eight-iron out of the rough to 20 feet. The trusty eight-iron continued to work the oracle for him on the 12th, where he conjured up his third consecutive birdie by pitching to three feet.

SQUASH RACKETS

At that point several players

were still in contention, but

England set store by new guard

By Colin McQuillan

ENGLAND'S defence of the women's world team championship will depend heavily upon the new guard in Vancouver next month. The Squash Rackets Association yesterday selected Cassandra Jackman, 19, the world junior champion from Norfolk, and Sue Wright, 22, the national champion from Kent, for its

four-woman squad. Martine Le Moignan. 29. the Guernsey left-hander who has been central to England's continuous team success since 1985, will lead the squad as the England No. 1 and world No. 2. But her long-time Guernsey rival, Lisa Opie, also 29. and a former British Open champion, is likely to be playing fourth string behind the two youngsters.

While the women are play-ing mainly for prestige in Vancouver. Peter Marshall, the men's national champion, will be competing at Edgbaston Priory in Birmingham for a slice of the £14.500 prize fund on offer to a fourman field in the Inter World Squash Challenge. His oppo-nents will be Jansher Khan. Chris Dittmar and Rodney

Martin, the three top seeds for next week's world open championship in Johannes-DUITS.

ENGLAND WOMEN'S SQUAD: M Le Moignan (Hampshre). C Jackman (Nor-folk), S Wright (Kert), L Ople (Hampshre) Manager: A Cowe

☐ England's men break new ground when they play a series of three internationals in South Africa, starting later this month. Peter Marshall. Simon Parke, Chris Walker and Phil Whitlock will represent England in the games at Durban, East London and Cape Town between September 28 and October 3.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Bonus prize for British winner

If a British driver wins this year's Lombard RAC Rally he will pick up a special one-off bonus prize of £100,000. The award celebrates the 19th and final year of Lombard's sponsorship of the event. The last Briton to win was Roger Clark in 1976.

Two drivers who have a strong chance are Colin McRae and Malcolm Wilson.

Bryant again

Bowls: The former world champion, David Bryant. reached the semi-finals of the EBA over-55 singles championship when he beat Alec Farrow 21-19 at Welling-Doohan. borough yesterday.

Giants move

Basketball: Manchester Giants are ready to move to the Armitage centre. Fallowfield. It will be their third home court in the last year.

Indurain's tour Cycling: Miguel Indurain, of Spain, won the Tour of Cata-

lonia yesterday. More seats Rugby union: A £350,000

stand extension providing

700 more seats is to be built at

Kingsholm. Gloucester.

Two teams travel

Petanque: Britain has sent two teams to the men's world championships starting in Aosta tomorrow hoping for a place in the top 16. TEAMS: GB 1: M Biyton, A Allan, D Micell. GB 2: L Jamieson, B Scott, S Birl.

Oval's line-up

Cricket: Viv Richards, Alec Stewart, Mike Gatting and Curtly Ambrose are among the players lined up for the first six-a-side county championship at the Oval tomorrow.

Beattie joins up

Motor cycling: The Rothmans Honda team have recruited Daryl Beattie, of Australia, to race in next year's 500cc grand prix series following the retirement of the former world champion, Wayne Gardner. Beattie, aged 21, will join his fellow Queenslander, Michael

Leetch gets rich

lce hockey: Brian Leetch joined the National Hockey League's elite when he signed with the New York Rangers for a reported \$18 million over seven years. The contract puts him in the same financial company as Gretzky, Lemieux, Lindros and

Muster out

Tennis: Thomas Muster, Austria's leading player, said he would not play in the first round tie against Canada in two weeks' time. He said he had lost his motivation.

to find bliss in Bled

By Patricia Davies

RONAN Rafferty, an Irishman with a contrary side to him, used to have a typically offbeat answer to the off-asked question: "What's your favourite golf course?"

Not for Rafferty the Augustas, Pine Valleys or Sunning-dales of this world. "Bled," he would reply, a touch enigmatcially. Bled? Where on earth is Bled?

It is where it has always been, certainly geographically. in Alpine country just over the border from Austria, close to Italy, sharing a border with Hungary. Its problem is that it is in Slovenia, which used to be part of Yugoslavia but is now an independent state, with a British ambassador.

Bled is a peaceful place, idyllically situated on a lake, overlooked by a castle and surrounded by the Julian Alps and the Karavanke mountains, but with war raging further south, visitors have been inclined to stay away. Golf, it is hoped, will help

change all that, with more people coming to share Rafferty's opinion, for Bled is preparing itself for the arrival of the Women Professional Golfers' European tour.

Marko Bozic, manager of Bled golf and country club (which was first opened in 1938 and revitalised in the early 70s by Donald Harradine, the Swiss-based English designer), is looking forward to welcoming the players to the Slovenian Open

Professionals hoping

from October 9-11. "We expect a lot of this event," he "We have 24 tournaments this

year but this is the biggest and I hope the players will like the course - it is very traditional and natural." Work has already started on

a second 18-hole course, also designed by Harradine -- who is over 90 — and there are plans for a hotel with 80 bedrooms and a smart new clubhouse, finance permitting. The present one, a traditional Slovenian design, will remain because Bokic wants the new development to keep the essential flavour of the place, the reason players fall in love with it.

"We want to try and keep it calm and peaceful," he said. "somewhere where there is no noise and people feel comfortable. I think golf is written in the skin of the Slovenians. We are a calm people and golf is a calm game, a soft game."

The setting is certainly soothing, with spectacular views of the mountains, although the condition of the course has suffered because of an unusually hot summer. The women professionals

would do well not to complain, however, for theirs is a nearevangelical mission. There is a painting of club-wielding cherubs in the clubhouse dining room and that is almost how the WPGET is seen here: as a band of golfing angels come to help Slovenia.

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UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Florena (Mata) 0, Borussa Dortmund 1, Fram Rayligavik 0, Kaiserslaufern 3

WELLINGBOROUGH: EBA national over-55 singles championship: Quarter-finals: Men: Singles: D J Bryani (Somersel) bit A Farrow (Nortolk), 21-19; W Francs (Hearls) bit G Rudge (Sussex), 21-15; Pars: W Gee and D Lewis (Bucks) bit J Rose and T Moss (Essed), 24-15. J Purcell and L Fether (Devon) bit K Manderson and R Wilkinson (Hampahres), 28-25 Women: Singles: J Woodudi (Wiltshire) bit S Taylor (Cumber-land), 21-18; H Tucker (Berkshire) bit R Wilkies (Worresterahren), 21-8 Palirs: B Smith and B Winskil (Berkshire) bit M Coles and M Bryani (Suffolk), 23-17. H Morley and J Foster (Yorkshire) bit M Waldey and D Pair (Devon), 33-11

BLACKPOOL: Greenalis Waterioo handi-cap; Last 8: R Crawshaw (Sale); C Monson (Sale); Fligby (Tarleton); A Prescott (Leight): V Seddon (Migan); A Breadhurst (Wagan); B Puchards (Leeds); B Duncan (Preston)

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Mami Dotphins 27, Cleveland Browns 23.

WORLD GRAND PRIX RANKINGS: Men: 1, T-S Laufdeen (Den), 755, 2, Wu Wenku (China), 695; 3, A Winarata (Indo), 870; 4, P. E. Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 605; 5, Lu Jun (China), 520; equal 6, F Permedi (Indo) and (China), 520; equal 9, Z Jianhua (China) and Lee (Wang Jin (S Kon), 440 Women: 1, Tang Juhong (China), 590; 3, Ye Zhaoying (China), 570; 4, Lee Heung Soon (S Kon), 585; 5, Bang Soo Hyun (S Kon), 540; 6, S Kusumewardheni (Indo), 465; 7, C Magnusson (Swe), 460; 8, Y Santoso (Indo), 430; equal 9, E Rybkhina (ClS) and S Susanti (Indo), 370. BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 5, St Louis Cerdinelle 4 (10 immigs); Philadel-phia Philles 6, Montreal Expos 2; New York Mets 10, Chicago Cube 8: Houston Astros 5, San Francisco Gients 0; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, San Diego Padres 4 (11 imms). AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 2. Toronto Blue Jays 1, Ballimore Orloles 2, Kansas City Royals 1, Milwaukes Browers 8, Boston Rad Sor 0; Caldand Athletics 3, Minnesota Twins 2, Chicago White Sox 8, New York Yankees 6.

BOXING LOS ANGELES: WBC light flyweight title: Humberto Gonzelez (Mex.) ko Napa Ketwanchai (Thei), 2nd md.

FOR THE RECORD BOWLS

CYCLING

TOUR OF CATALONIA: State stage (153.5km, 95.2mile): 1. T Romerger (5witz). Air 9min 9eec: 2. A Martin (5p), al 5eec. 3. M Induran (5p). same time, 4. F Echave (5p), al 42, 5. M Fartan (Coll. 45, 6. E Breutink (Hotil), 1.04. Overall: 1. Induran, 20:20:44; 2. Romminger, al 19sec; 3. Martin, 1:18; 4. Breutink, 1:27; 5. J-F Bernard (Fr), 1:47; 6. F Echave (5p), 1:51

TOUR DE L'AVENIR, France: Eighth stage (139 S/m) 1. E Delvier (Holf), 3hr 14min (2395; 2.). Armstrong (US), 3. O Rodrigues (Por), both same time, 4. R. Gametichov (CIS), at 3sec. 5, R. Rota (Sp), 22. 8, M. Wust (Ger), same time Overell: 1. H. Gare! (Fri. 25m 25mn 25mn 26sec, 2, Wust, at 1.18, 3. J. P. Dojwo (Fri), 1:32; 4, E Magnin (Fri), 1:35; 5, 1. Brochard (Fri), 1:51, 8, J. Arenas (Sp), 2:06



place in over-55's

EQUESTRIANISM CALGARY, Canada: Spruce Meadows masters grand pric: 1, J Whitaker, Hender-son Gammon (GB) 2, J Lansink, Optebeurs Egano (Holl)

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON: Vauered Chib Team Classic Western regional final; 283: Bristol and Ciffon (D Mann 70, C Mann 71, J Berry 71, S Fet 71) 291: Rose F& 292: Lydney 294; Worcesia: 297 Hagby, 300: East Devor 301: Burnham and Benow 307. West Berks, Cusen's Park, 308: Shafey 309: Waimley 310: Thurlestone 311: West Wife 314; Prae Sands 315: St Melton 295: Tomoglon 286: C Cooper, 72, 74, 72, 68, P Azinger, 71, 73, 70, 72; C Strange, 73, 69, 70, 74

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GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Senion Carew: 288: Barnard Castle (S Taylor 81, L Imman 78, J McNaly 77) 242: Eggleschil 244: Norhallenon Grammar Individual: Armstrong (Eggleschil) Cardific 235: Caerleon Comprehense (C Resever 75, M Thomas 73, B Templeton 87) 237: Radyr Comprehense. 238: Barry Boys Comprehense Individual: Thomas (Caerleon). Newbattle GC 238: George Henois School Edinburgh (C Chespe 79, N Thomson 79, A Hogg 80) 248: Nnox Academy, Haddington, Earlston High School 248: Individual: Nicholson (Knox Academy).

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United midfield disrupted by **Uefa Cup rules**

can even begin to contemplate early-season domestic form on to the European arena, Alex Ferguson must seek to unravel the mass of bureaucratic red tape which has so hampered his team's preparations.

Yesterday, as he readied his squad for tonight's Uefa Cup.
first round, first leg tie against
Torpedo Moscow at Old
Trafford, Ferguson was more
concerned with birthplaces and length of service than with tactics, as he sought to comply with the complex legislation which governs the eligibility of non-national players in the three main European

competitions.
Under Uefa's controversial, not to say reviled, ruling, no team is allowed to name more than three "foreign" players in its 16-strong panel. Although two assimilated players are now permitted, both must have played under the auspices of their club's national association — in this case, the Football Association — for an uninterrupted five-year period, three years of which must have been at youth level.

Having carefully studied his an ankle injury. Giggs is likely mited options, Ferguson had to be United's second assimilimited options, Ferguson had yet to resolve what he conceded was a "tricky problem", although he was able to name six men who will definitely

start tonight's game. Irwin, an assimilated play-er, Martin, Pallister and Bruce will form a defence which Ferguson said "picks itself under the circumstances".

In the absence of Dublin. who is injured, Hughes and McClair, two non-nationals, will be paired together in attack and, bearing in mind Ferguson's overwhelming desire for a clean sheet, Schmeichel, the Danish international goalkeeper, seems almost certain to become United's third permitted

It is in midfield where United will suffer change and disruption on a grand, per-haps disturbing, scale. With Ince suspended and Robson injured, Webb. Wallace and Phelan, three players of prov-en ability but limited match practice are, likely to be ushered forward out of the shadows. Phelan's movement, however, is still restricted by

McKeag seeks talks with FA over cuts

GORDON McKeag, the cerned that the proposal did not gain momentum that I wants urgent discussions with the Football Association over matter immediately so that it plans to cut the Premier League to 18 clubs. McKeag's move follows a reassurance from Graham Kelly, the chief executive, that under no cirtion an extension of the Premier League.

Kelly has made it clear that he wants the set-up reduced by four clubs from the present 22 by the mid-90s. There are firm dates for a cut to 20.

McKeag approached Kelly at an executive committee meeting after learning that several Football League clubs had been sounded out on forming a second division of the Premier League. "I was sufficiently con-

could be scotched at the outset," McKeag said yesterday. "Graham Kelly stated categorically that there will be no second division of the Premier

accept that. "I don't know who made the approaches, but undoubtedly the reason for it is uncertainty among some Premier League clubs who are not members of

the 'Platinum Eight'." McKeag was referring to Arsenal, Manchester United, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Everton, QPR, Aston Villa and Leeds, who last week combined to block a £13 million Bass sponsorship deal. That has caused a deep split

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uccessful youth side -Beckham, Butt, Neville and Casper - have been drafted into the squad and will be named as substitutes, with the possibility of one starting the match should Phelan be forced to withdraw.

"I am quite confident about our chances because my team is currently playing with confidence," the United manager

Meanwhile, Graeme Sourcess may have upset many a Liverpool supporter by sanc-tioning the sale of such senior professionals as Saunders and Houghton, but by doing so he may have improved his club's chances of making a signifcant impact in the Cup Winners Cup. By replacing non-nationals with the likes of Stewart and James, both English-born, Souness has reduced considerably the damaging effects of the Uefa

egislation.
"We are better off than we were last year," he said.

Although Liverpool learned yesterday that their appeal for Whelan to be classed as an assimilated player had been rejected, Rush has been granted such status.

Souness is unable to call upon McManaman, Jones. Barnes and Thomas because of injury for tonight's first round, first leg tie against Apollon Limassol of Cyprus at

Limassol, the first Cypriot opponents Liverpool have faced in more than 25 years of European involvement. reached the second round of the European Cup last season before being defeated by the holders, Red Star Belgrade, 5-

l on aggregate. Trevor Francis, the manager of Sheffield Wednesday, may well make a rare, full appearance tonight as the south Yorkshire club returns to European football for the first time since 1963. With Hirst injured and Bright, the recent acquisition from Crystal Palace, ineligible, Francis is thought to be considering partnering Warhurst in a makeshift attack against Spora Luxembourg in the Uefa Cup, first round, first leg

tie at Hillsborough.

A special charity game to raise funds for Yugoslav refu-gees may be staged at Anfield later this year. Andrew Watt, a London-based agent, has asked Liverpool to consider playing host to a fixture be-tween Red Star Belgrade and Saraievo, "We have been asked to consider staging such a game but, as of yet, nothing has been decided one way or the other," Peter Robinson. Liverpool's chief executive, said. "I think other English clubs have also been contacted

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Point of view: Mansell takes the helm at the Southampton Boat Show yesterday before his promotional trip to Harrods

Our Nige meets the fluffy and famous

By Norman Howell

NIGEL Mansell, wearing designer sunglasses but with-out that habitual Canon cap. arrived in a chauffeured Mercedes outside Harrods yesterday and was welcomed by a large fluffy dog present-ed to him by Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of the store that likes to call itself the most famous in the world.

What was the Formula One world champion doing on a publicity stort in Knightsbridge when international motor sport is in turmoil over his decision to

retire and The Sun is busy organising a protest march on the headquarters of the Frank Williams team, which has failed to offer Mansell sufficiently good terms to retain his services?

Well, the answer is to be found on Mansell's helmet— the trademark of the shop that attracts the rich and

Harrods sponsors Man-sell, as does Sunseeker motorboats, which is what led Our Nige to spend time at the Southampton Boat Show before coming to SW3.

In Southampton and in London, he reiterated that he had definitely finished with Formula One. "In Adelaide, I will finish with F1 forever." he said. The reference is to the last race on November 8.

In the United States, where he now seems destined to be next year, he will not get the kind of genuine adulation with which the Harrods customers welcomed him.

Bearing in mind that the average Harrods shopper is not likely to be the average Mansell fan, the genuine passion that greeted his store walkabout is surely a barometer of his popularity.

At the end of his afternoon tea with the chairman, there was a sizeable crowd gathered outside door No. 3, presided over by two severe green-coated men and a couple of more robust gentlemen in dark suits and

cropped hair. Mansell and Al Fayed swept through to the exit with assorted hangers-on. 'Nigel, the Williams team have put out a statement." The shoulders stiffened. "What does it say?"

"It talks of regrets and rejected offers: do you have a

"I still have no comment."

announcing that his drivers for next year will be Alain Prost and Martin Brundle. But Brundle denied that he

had been approached by either McLaren or Williams. "I keep reading about it in the press." he said. He put his chances of driving for either team at 50-50 yet he did confirm he and Carl Haas had spoken about an indy Car drive.

Meanwhile, as Our Nige was driven off, he was chased down the street by a gaggle of excited Japanese and Italian girls. He'll be missing that in

Yorath urges clubs | Lamb opts for new challenge to screen players

By JOHN GOODBODY

TERRY Yorath, the Wales football team manager, whose son died suddenly from an incurable disease controllable by treatment, yesterday said that senior clubs should screen their players for potentially fatal heart conditions.

Daniel Yorath, 15, who was ready to sign for Leeds United before collapsing last May, did not undergo any such check during his medical examination at the club. "That is the part that I cannot come to terms with," his father said.

Yorath is supporting the plan of the National Sports Medicine Institute (NSMI) to set up a pilot screening pro-gramme to discover if athletes are suffering from hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), the most common cause of unexpected death in young

Yorath said after the conference of the Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association that considering the millions of pounds in football, it would seem obvious to screen young players. "This should occur as soon as boys sign schoolboy

hit the ball when he was tired.

what I need to do with every

kind of responsibility to do that," he said.

Intensive exercise can trigger an existing disorder and cause sudden heart failure. Among the leading sportsmen who have probably died from HCM are Wilf Slack, the cricketer, David Longhurst, the York City footballer, and Adrian Hawkins, a potential member of this year's British Olympic cycling

Dr Dan Tunstall Pedoe, the medical director of the London marathon, in which there have been 200,000 suc-cessful finishers and only one death from HCM, said that he would be sorry if anyone was deterred from taking exercise, because of the evident physical benefits. HCM is a genetic condition, involving a massive thickening of the heart muscles.

Greg McLatchie, the medical director of the NSMI, said discussions were already taking place on how to set up a pilot scheme on athletes, probably in Glasgow, which he termed "the heart-stop centre

to enhance his Test return ALLAN Lamb, who has been left out of the England cricket

party to tour India and Sri Lanka, is returning to his roots for winter employment, having signed a contract to play for Western Province in South Africa.

Lamb, 38, who yesterday

scored his fifth century of a season in which he has led Northamptonshire to third place in the Britannic Assurance championship, previously played for the province between 1972 and 1982, with the exception of one season in which he represented Orange Free State.

"It will be great to have the chance of playing once more for the team which gave me my first taste of big-time cricket when I was a schoolboy," Lamb said. "It will be a fresh challenge. I want to do well and show the sort of form that will make me a candidate for England again."

Lamb will be back to play out the final two years of his contract with Northamptonshire. But before he can return to the land of his birth, he has to face a Test and County By Geoffrey Wheeler

Cricket Board disciplinary enquiry into his allegations of ball-doctoring made against the Pakistan bowlers in an unauthorised newspaper Also vowing to regain their

England places for Australia's visit to defend the Ashes, are Chris Broad, dismissed last month by Nottinghamshire, and David Gower, whose omission from the Indian tour party has caused controversy. In a surprise move yesterday, Broad rejoined Gloucestershire, the county he left under a cloud in 1983 in order to enhance his chances of breaking into Test cricket.

While with Nottinghamshire he won 25 caps, but his England career ended when he went on the unofficial tour of South Africa with Mike Gatting's team and, along with the other members of the side, was banned by the International Cricket Council.

Broad, born and educated in Bristol, will be 35 later this month. He has scored nearly 21,000 first-class runs and said vesterday he had received offers from seven counties

"including two with Test match grounds. I gave a lot of thought to my future, but decided I wanted to return to the county where it all started. The way Nottinghamshire sacked me left a bad taste. "Gioucestershire look a

good side, but need the experience, having lost Bill Athey, that I hope I can give them.' Gower, who was speaking after signing a new two-year contract with Hampshire, said: "I really must set my sights on an England place and I shall have to keep on

"I have a good record against Australia, but that in itself is not enough to win selection. I will have to be at the top of the list making runs for Hampshire when the selection meetings are held."

Gower said he was "flattered" by the campaign which has been mounted to have him brought back into the England tour party. "But I don't think it will achieve much," he said.

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Hogan and Faldo are cast in the same mould

By MITCHELL PLATTS **GOLF CORRESPONDENT**

by the agent."

NICK Faldo must be reckoned the most complete golfer since Ben Hogan. He has had ambitions to be recognised as a true champion since he first struck a golf ball and his craving for immortality has driven him to distraction at times. Now he has succeeded in setting a standard which will assure that future generations remember this as the Faldo era. In years to come, people will be proud to say: "I saw Nick Faldo play."

Faldo did not set out to imitate Hogan. Quite simply. it was in his nature. Henry Cotton, who won three Open Championships, as Faldo has done, felt he got to know Hogan well, or almost as well as any man could. Cotton described Hogan as having a few friends, whom he liked and understood and who understood him, but otherwise as being a loner. It is a description which would fit Faldo. Hogan would practice for

hour upon bour because he

wanted to know how he would

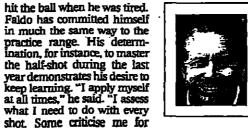
that, some take it as being pretty impressive." Cotton pointed out in his book Thanks for the Game that even Hogan found the halfshot difficult to play. Another difference is that Faldo does encourage young players to consult him if they truly wish to learn. Gary Player once telephoned Hogan to seek advice. Hogan listened, then asked: "Gary, whose dubs are you playing?

down the phone. Faldo, however, can be brit-tle at times. He is essentially a shy man, and his best method of defence is to attack. In that sense he might have his

Player replied, "Spalding."

Hogan gave himself time to say only: Well, ask Mr Spal-

ding then," before he put



MITCHELL PLATTS Golf Correspondent

detractors. His golf game, however, is admired by all and his success in the GA European Open on Sunday was achieved with such ease that one wonders how much more there is to come.

Faldo has won the Carrolls Irish Open, the Open Championship, the Scandinavian Masters and the GA European Open this season. He has won each of his last three tournaments, he is No. 1 in the Volvo Order of Merit with £565.319 and he needs to earn only £8,848 in the Lancothe Trophy, which starts on Thursday, to set an official prize winning record for the PGA European Tour. Faldo, 156 under par for tourna-ments in Europe and the United States this season, has not finished outside of the top four in his last nine events, which includes the US Open (joint fourth) and US PGA Championship (joint second). He has earned more than £4 million in prize-money alone

in his 17-year career. Hogan once spoke of a dream in which he had 17 holes in one. "I woke up mad, because of the one I missed." Faldo dreams, too, but he lives, and works, in a real world where right now he is the master of his trade, the role model for all. Faldo, at 35, plays such a calculated game that others, even Sevenano Ballesteros, appear totally mesmerised. While Faldo seems unlikely to be victim again to the capricious nature

This time 12 months ago. Ballesteros was flying high at the top of the Order of Merit. Faldo, however, was determined to regain the No. 1 position. He has, by banishing Ballesteros and other European rivals to the wings and by egaining centre stage himself following the matinee performance by the American, Fred Couples, in the Masters.

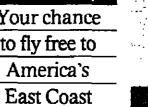
Couples found the glare of the spotlight too hot to handle. Faldo positively revels in play-

out of form, faces the severest examination of his career. ing the starring role in moments of high drama. His Open success will remain the apogee of a year in which he still has several targets, including the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth and the Johnnie Walker World Championship in Jamaica in December. Then, of course, he will put his mind to the quest for more major championships. He is 500-1 to complete the grand slam in 1993, 40 years on from Hogan winning the Masters, US Open and Open.

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No more war? Then calm down Nigella Lawson considers Neil Lyndon's "no holds barred" polemic on

feminism and asks whether he knows who, or what, he attacks

'Lyndon

refuses to see

that male

power can be

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as the

a popular slogan of the 1970s. The sentiment was proclaimed meetings and at private consciousness-raising groups. Placards were inscribed with it, hearts etched with it. Now, men are angry. One man, Neil Lyndon, is particularly angry. He is more than angry, he is hopping mad. Furious. Spitting. And the full frenzy of his rage is given vent in No More Sex War, a thrumming piece of polemic, in which, as he gallantly warns us, "no holds are barred". It takes some-thing of a sleight of hand to argue, as he does, that feminism is the "filthy incubus", the "poisonous orthodoxy", the totalitarianism that has blighted the public institutions and private lives of our age at the same time as asserting that it has had precious little effect - "not much more than a slighting im-

omen are angry" ran

pression" — on the common deal-ings of ordinary people, but then Lyndon is no mean polemicist. Or rather, he is a mean polemicist: breathtakingly selective, a master of casuistry, keen to believe the worst and eager, certainly, to present the worst.

If you are going to attack something, you have, as Lyndon concedes. to be in agreement on what is the object of attack. If

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Lyndon mean by it? "Here", as he fundaments of feminism. disarmingly puts it, "is my best "The common denominator is the belief that women share inter-

ests which are distinct from men's and that those interests can be advanced only by women acting collectively. That much, I submit, must be agreed. No variety of thought or style of attitude could be termed feminist unless it involved these presumptions." This no doubt sums up what a good many people, feminists included, believe to constitute feminist thinking, but it cannot serve as

a definition of feminism. It is unworkable. It jumps ahead of itself. It excludes too many feminists - myself included - who fail to find themselves or their beliefs represented by it. Let me offer another definition, not my own, but one posited by the philosopher Jane Raddiffe Richards in her book. The Sceptical Feminist. The somewhat mealy-mouthed title should not give Lyndon cause for sneer or cheer yer: this is no faint-hearted apologia, but a measured attempt to give a philosophical account of the strong fundamental case for

The case is this: "that women suffer from systematic social injustice because of their sex". This definition serves to constitute "the essence of feminism, with anyone feminist". It is a simpler definition than Lyndon's, more comprehensive, and more accurately taken as a common denominator among those who describe themselves as feminist. Feminism, thus "is not concerned with a group of people it wants to benefit, but with a type of injustice it wants to eliminate"

I am not shirking my responsibilities here. I know as well as Lyndon does that for many feminists this is course he's right that many feminists see themselves as acting expressly for the rights of women at the expense of others' rights. Many feminists do believe that the duty of feminism is to provide a movement of support for women who suffer from injustice with no regard to or even acceptance of the injustices

> But a definition, if it is to be workable, if it is indeed to be valid, has to take in the broad body of belief, the cornerstone on which it is founded, not merely some people who, however vocally, hold further and more extreme

> > This means that

while Lyndon may determined be quite right in decrying some femholding on to inists and exposing privilege' he cannot by logical extension believe is meant by it. What, then, does himself to have disproved the

> This having been said, it is undoubtedly true that much feminist debate has descended into a slanging match between the sexes. Much of this lamentable state of affairs may be ascribed to what Richards names as "an ineradicable human tendency to take sides". This is an explanation, not a defence: of course Lyndon is right to take offence at a pronouncement such as "all men are Idi Amin" or at the tendency of some feminists to use maleness as a criterion of badness, and femaleness as the criterion for goodness. To resist such statements is an obvious duty. but any critic must take pains to ensure that injury, however keenly or justifiably felt, does not give rise to injustice. We don't perhaps need to refer to Richards again to remind us of the dangers, but I shall quote her unapologetically all the same: "Resistance to the feminist movement easily turns into a

resistance to seeing that women have any problems at all." A pronounced tendency. I don't deny it, to counter injury with injury has coloured much feminist output. "You've made us suffer, now we'll make you suffer" is no way to eliminate any form of injustice, which is, as we have



feminism. But Lyndon, while despising this response, reacts in exactly the same way. Those bitches have got their talons into the very heart of his life, just watch him rip the guts out of all them, sister by sister. This at times degenerates into a playground farce — he started it. No she did. No he did. She did — to the extent that there is nothing the reader wants so much

as to bang their heads together. Nevertheless to say, as some feminists have done, that all men are rapists has become more culturally acceptable than to say, as some men have indeed said in the past. that all woman are whores. Popular opinion does seem to hold illogically that it is less injurious to utter wholesale condemnations of men than to demean all women. Without wishing to allow Lyndon for one moment to believe that I am in favour of further dissemination of that injustice. I would like to offer a historical perspective.

It cannot be denied that the lives of women have been in the main controlled by men (just as those men have controlled the lives of other men) and that that control includes not only the legislative power which defines what sort of lives women (and other men) can lead but also the social and economic clout which fashions the balance of power between the sexes in their private dealings. When men were heard to say "all women are hysterics" or "a woman's place is in the home" there was a real sense in which a woman could be prevented from engaging in those activities which her supposed innate hysteria or her presumed

disbar her. These allegations more than slighted women, they acted as a restraining order on her very self. The same, for all their wrongheadedness, cannot be said for the pronouncements that vilify men. I do not defend them, but it does no harm to look at matters in this light.

his brings us to what for Lyndon is the noirest of betes noires, the Patriarchy, elsewhere and often described as "the universal political structure which privileges men at the expense of women". Historically speaking, men have had — and still have - more power than women and have used that power to define and curtail the role of women. Anthropologically speaking, there may have been a purpose in this, which was, as Lyndon outs it, that "if women were to have babies, if the tribe was to reproduce, a system of concessions was required which allowed for the cardinal uncertainties of women to know when they might become pregnant and for how many years they might

be suckling infants". Quite so, but as the structure evolved, as convention cemented, it becomes apparent that one man's system of concessions can seem another woman's oppression. The difficulty here is that Lyndon refuses to see that male power can be construed as the determined holding on to privilege, ever. The fact that many men still occupy more positions of power than women would seem then to be a historical fact devoid of political weight. Institutions, positions of power, why even language itself, are all neutral and genderless according to Lyndon.

patriarchy, which in its literal translation means "rule of the fathers", it has to signify that it is still regarded as convention for children to take the father's name and, to a lesser extent though the practice is still widespread, for a woman to take her husband's name on marriage. Space is short, and so my arguments are necessarily curtailed, but the fact that Lyndon singularly ignores the fact that in modern society, still, a person's status is customarily de-

fined by his or her relation to the male is baffling. Surely it is worthy of comment? What Lyndon also fails to take on board is the questioning of some feminists as to the very hold of patriarchy. The collusion of women in this set-up has to be investigated, and has been, as does the apparent reluctance of some men to take advantage of what feminism might seem to offer. What Lyndon asks for - that fathers should be regarded as having the same rights to their children as mothers do, that men should not be statutorily excluded from all the benefits of family life that are accorded women - many feminists welcome. But

more than welcome, it is necessary. The failure of judges to grant men custody of their children or their apparent inability to see that the father can have the same responsibilities and concerns for his child as a mother is routinely accepted to have towards her is not the failure of feminism, but more the failure of those in power to take it seriously.

When, to take just one instance, a few years ago, a judge refused to let a 17-year-old youth adopt the baby that his 16-year-old former girl-

friend was carrying, he expressed the view that a man that age was too young to know he could accept children involved. The implication was that men would tire of such ties and not have the sticking power for such a course. Lyndon would no doubt resent this frankly sexist and injurious observation. So did many feminists who (despite the silence with which feminists have, so Lyndon charges, greeted the injus-tices done to men) were keen to voice their disapproval in print. I cannot see how the judge's decision can be identified with feminist principles; rather, it supports a sexstereotyped view of life that is in

direct opposition to them. If Lyndon wishes to see a fairer state of play between the sexes and to see feminists sign the nonaggression pact he so speciously proffers, I suggest, in future, a less adversarial approach.

What do you think?

Write in with your views to: Feminism Debate, The Times, 1 Pennington Street. London EI 9XN. To attend the debate on October 6, see ticket application form on page 4

TOMORROW

Enlightenment: Richard Cork on Tibet's sacred art

You think you're free — and along comes Vic

natural function would seem to

Ou want to meet Vic," said Jonathan a few months ago, when I was having a therapeutic snivel one evening after a

"Why?" I sobbed.

"Because he's a great bloke," he said, heartily. "Don't be so suspicious all the time, Lynne, Loosen up. Vic is a real free spirit, with marvellous ideas, and funnily enough his last girlfriend just threw him out so he's available. Some sort of bust-up over money I think. Anyway, I'll introduce you."

What does he do?" I sniffed. "He's very young at heart. Ha ha good old Vic."

"What does he do, though?" Well, he's very artistic, and he's promised himself that if he doesn't get into something by the time he's 48, he'll get a proper job."

I thought about it. The distinct odour of rat wiftled past my nostrils, unignorably.

"Does he like cars?" I asked at

"No, he's allergic I think." "Thank goodness for that, then." I sighed with relief. "I had an awful feeling for a moment that he was just my type.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but Vic is a phenomenon of our times. I used to think I was unlucky, but then I found out I was just single and averagely tolerant of failure, which made me a pushover for layabouts. It is possible that married readers are unfamiliar with the world of Vic. but each single woman discovers him for herself in a very short while. The telltale clue is when you find yourself paying for both dinners. but pretending not to notice. "Did !? Never mind, it's only money. Tell me again about this project for knitting old cassette tape into lightweight blankets for the homeless. and charging them ten quid each. It sounds fascinating."

Feminists, of course, are not supposed to admit that there is a man shortage. We have this horrible feeling that it will give ammunition to Neil Lyndon, who will jump up and down saying "Tee hee! Told you! Only yourselves to blame!" But if there were a man shortage, hypothetically speaking, and it stretched out arid and flat to the far horizon, then you see that little shimmering dot in the distance? The one coming steadily towards you, like Omar Sharif in Lawrence of Arabia, getting slowly bigger and bigger and more sinister, as the only sign of available life? It's

"Tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor, Vic." goes the prune-counting of else's Vic, you can identify him at the wised-up single woman each once. Whereas when he is your

SINGLE LIFE

Lynne Truss decides it is time to throw

in the sponger



morning. "Rich man, poor man, Vic. beggar man, thief. Vic." Vic ought to be more substantially represented in this list, really: but you get the gist. The really interesting thing, however, is not that single women are eating too many prunes. It is that Vic, like the devil, is everywhere, yet always comes as a surprise. When he's somebody else's Vic, you can identify him at own, and he is blatantly using your mains electricity to recharge his car battery again, you can't. "Ooh, so when will I get to meet

him?" you say to a friend who recently went out with Vic on a first "Soon, I expect. He's moved in." There is a short pause, while you

tell yourself it's none of your "Really?" committally. you say, non-

"It's working out quite well, actually. I mean, being home all day he can take in the milk." "Great."

"And he cooks meals and things, and above all he trusts me with his problems." What does he do, then, exactly?" "He's such a free spirit. Ha ha

good old Vic."

the moment."

"No, but what does he do?" 'He used to be a disc jockey. And he's got so many schemes he doesn't know where to start. He reckons he needs a mobile phone and some headed notepaper before he can really get going. But unfortunately he hasn't got either at

"He sounds — er. laid back." Yes! Sometimes we laugh about it. I say he's so laid back he'll fall off and hurt himself."

incidentally. It would make things too easy if they were. But I do feel it is worthwhile to list a few of the obvious warning signs, so that more women can be spared the misery of asking Vic, on some fateful day, "Did you only love me for my free battery-charging facili-ties? and then waiting for five agonising minutes while he seriously weighs up the pros and cons. The term "free spirit" ought to set alarm bells clanging; also Vic's habit of abruptly crossing the road to avoid walking past his bank. Watch out, too, for his suggestion (curious for a free spirit, after all) that you take out wills in one another's favour after only a brief acquaintance.

The really clever thing about Vic is that he feels most comfortable with women who are independent, for reasons beyond the obvious. To an independent woman, you see. the notion of sponging is so unthinkable that she can't bring herself to accuse anybody of doing it. But the sad fact is, there are people in the world who consider themselves perfectly eligible for relationships yet whose personal motto is the same as New Hampshire's: "Live Free or Die." And unfortunately they don't all wear it



THE FORCE OF DESTINY: Last season's successful Don Carlos is followed by a new production of one of Verdi's bleakest but most compelling works, newly translated by Jeremy Sams. The cast and production te need no recommendation: Nucholas Hytner directs, Richard Hudzon designs, Mark Elder conducts. Josephine Barstow, making an eagerly-awarted return, sings Leonova. Edmund Barham s Don Alvaro Jonathan Sum

Prezosila. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), Wed, 7pm. Further performances through September and October.

TOSCA: Luciano Pavarotti in fine fon as Cavaradossi in John Cox's reliable as Cavaraggs in John Cox s feedure production. The young American soprang Ekzabeth Holleque makes her British debut in the title role; Silvano Carroli is Scarpia. Zubin Mehta conducts all but the hinal three performances. For those unable to get a bicket, tonight's performance will be relayed on the screen in the Plazza. screen in the Plazza. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), 7 30pm.

VIVARTA: The Place's new international festival of conte international festival of contemporary South Asian dance, entitled Vivaria, a Sanskirt word meaning "evolution" or "transformation" continues until October 3. Torright brings a programme choreographed and danced by Ranjabati Sircar The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

OLD MASTER DRAWINGS: The Ashmolean has one of the greater collections of Old Master drawing the world. Normally only a small percentage is on show, but the European Arts Festival has persu the museum to bring out some of its are museum to orang out some or is, nches. This amazing selection, first seen in Rome last year, includes five Michelangetos, five Raphaels and two Leonardos, as well as works by Rembrandt, Rubens, Dürer, Claude,

M ANGELS IN AMERICA: Thriling performances in Tony Kushner's lasonating state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, everything, National (Cottesloo), South Bank, SE (1071-928 2252) Tonight, 7.15pm.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Are Li DEATH AIRD THE MADDER And porfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downe, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast. Duke of York's, St Machin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm 120mins.

THE DYBBUK: Kate Mitchell's mu THE DYBRUIC Rabe Mincher's thinlingly community Abere the supernatural presses in on all sides. Joanne Pearce superh as the girl possessed. The Pit, Barbucan, Selk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7,15pm 190mers. 7.15om, 190mins.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: Witty and stylish version of Macbeth's climb to the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Sixties songs Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Thurs,

N GAMBLERS: Oleg Menshikov, Mark Rylance, Phil Daniels in superbly staged production of Gogol's 'starg' drama. Trigyde, 269 Kilbum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat 40m, 170m, pp. 170m. Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

☐ GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley sugar. Berlin in the Twenties. Sentimental, American, entertaining, Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-Sat. Spm. mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins ■ HECUBA: Trojan women struggle from grief to revenge engrossing production of Euripides by new artistic director Laurence Boswell (Cate, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm. 105mins. AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Pakiny's astonishingly powerful
esurrection of Priestley's drama of

social responsibility.

NEW RELEASES

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kari Knight

TODAY'S EVENTS

Watteau, Holbein, Gamsborough and

Rowlandson. Ashmolean Museum, Oxford (0865) SONGS OF MY PEOPLE: Subtitled

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"African Americans: A Self-Portrart",
his show begins its European tour or
London. Fifty black American
photographers (including four Pulitizer
Prize winners) were commissioned to
record the diversity of black culture in
the United States. Some 150 pictures
range from social Manhantan and
polifical Washington to jazz dubs and
gospel hals, and include blach
astronauts, symphony conductors,
rodeo cowboys and circus downs.
Foyer Galleries, Festival Hall, South
Bank, London SEI (071-928 3002),
Daily, 10am-10.30pm, until Ct. 25

MEDEA: Diana Rigg plays Euripides's witch-wife bent on revenge. This production has a new translation by Alestair Elliot, Jonathan Kern directs. Almeida, Almeida Street, London NI (071-359 4404), opens tonight, 7pm, then Moin-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

ORLANDO: Hot from Edinburgh, Red ORLANDOC: Hot from beinough, Red Shift's version of Virginia Wooff's fantasy, Introduing but complicated by adding the story of the Bloomsbury lovers. Opens tonight Lyric Studio, King Street, London W6 (71-741 2311), Ionsght, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4.30pm.

ROBIN — THE PRINCE OF SHERWOOD: Bill Kenwright applies his Midas touch to a musical version of the Robin Hood tale, with Michael Holoway

Thornalloe, Church Street, Leatherhead (0372-377677). Opens toright, 7-30pm; then Man-Wed, 7-30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm.

ELBA RAMALHO/BHUNDU BOYS: Brazilian singer Elba Ramalho is afternatively known as the Queen of Lambada in her native country. She has a string of gold and platinum discs from over a dozen albums recorded over 13 years, and enjoys considerable popularity in America, Japan and Spain. The notable support comes from the Harare band, the Bhundu Boys, performing material from a proposed new album, Brbston Academy, Stockwell Road, London SW9 (071-326 1022), 7pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ROYAL PRAIL PRAILS (Salway is soloist with the orchestra in Mozart's Flute Concerto. Yun Territkanov also conducts Rossini's overture The Barber of Seville and Maikler's Symphony No 1. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (221 0.19 9000 1.7 3000). 1071-928 8800), 7-30pm.

CONTRASTS: Planist Andres Schiff,

CONTRASTS: Planist Andras Schiff, and oboist Henz Holliger direct a distinguished lineup of players in Beethoven's Three Marches for pland duet, Schumann's Three Romances for oboe and plano, Op 94; Schubert's Andantino Varie; Yun's Rondell; and Beethoven's Plano Olunter, Op 16. The programme also includes the first Condon performances of S. Veress' Directh for wind quality and Diptych for wind quintet, and Birtwistle's Five Distances for Five

Instruments Queen Elizabeth Hali, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm WATER MUSIC: Lyndon Morgans's WATER MUSIC: Lyndon Morgans's venty Bargate Award-winning play is staged by the reputable Soho Theatre Company under the direction of Keith Boak. The play is described as a "helter skeiter depiction of life, set in a Sidoes seaside Farground" Cockpit Theatre, Gateforth Street, London NW8 (071-402 S081), preview from tonight, 8pm, opens Mon, 7pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only
Some seats available
Seats at all prices

National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm

III JUNE MOON; Naive songwiner conquers Tin Pan Alley, Delightful comedy by Ring Lardner and George S. Kaulman, Excellent cast lead by Adam Godley and Frank Lazarus. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ THE MADRAS HOUSE: Roger Allam heads a strong cast in Granville Barker's proto-feminist, serious Barker's proto-femnist, serious comedy, set in a fashion house. Directed by Peter James. Lyric Harmannersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 180mins.

☐ MURDER BY MISADVENTURE:

Gerald Harper and William Gaurt play crime writers who fall out and pit they wided with against each other: run-of-the-mill thriller.

Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed. 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 120mms. Wed. 2.30pm, Sat, S.30pm, 120mms;

IPHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEI:
Brian Finel's affectionate comedy of an irish enrigrant and his carping after ego. A rewal to be chershed.

Wyndham's, Charring Cross Road, WC2 (071-857 1116), Mon-Fin, Spin, Sat, 8.15pm, mais Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mins.

SHADES: Pauline Collans torn LI SHADES: Pauline Collars torn between her child, mum and manfriend in Sharman Macdonald's disappointing new play; only sporadically absorbing. Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3om, Sat. 4pm, 120mins.

SX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Channing as the nch New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's time play on human inter-dependence.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sal, 8pm, mats Wed.

3pm, Sat, 4pm, 90mins. T SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH LI SOMEONE WHOTL WATCH OVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, James McDaniel and Stephen Rea as Beirut hostages in Frank McGuinness's new play. Vasudaville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats, Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mms.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Philip Prowse's triumphant RSC production. John Carlele as a callous aristocrat in Wilde's social melodrama laced with wit. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins. LONG RUNNERS: N Blood Brothers

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Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616)... IJ Catts: New London (071-405 0072)... Dencing at Lughtrasa: Gamick (071-494 5085)

Don't Dress for Dinner: Apolo (071-494 5075)... IJ Five Guys Named Moe: lyric (071-494 5075)... IJ Good Roddin' Tonito: Prince of Wales (071-839 5971)... III Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palladium (071-494 5037)... IJ Me and My Girk Adeiphi (071-836 7611)... IJ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909)... IJ Misé Salgom Theaire Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400)... IJ The Mousetrap: SI Martin's (071-836 1443)... III The Phartroon of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400)... IJ Return to the Profibided Planet: Cambndge (071-379 5299)... IJ Startight Express: Apolio Victoria (071-828 6565)

I The Woman in Bladc Forume (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18). LES AMAINTS DU POINT RELET (18). Leos Carar's hymn to Paric and a punk bum's love for a young artist going blind. Terrific in spurts, and a real movie movie. Pens Lawart, Lillette Binoche Lumière (071-836 0691). Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

◆ BOB ROBERTS (15): Lively spoof er's diety battle for a seat in thi singer's dirty battle for a seat in the U.S. Senate Enterprising directional debut by actor Tim Robbins.
Gate (071-727-4043) MGM Chelsee (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Haymarker (0426 915353)
Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332) (071-792 3332)

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS -- THE DISCOVERY (PG): Pin-up navigator George Corraface) discovers the New World Sity juvenile romp, with a routine Marion Brando cameo. Flabby direction Inom John Glen Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683)

DANZON: Mexican telephone operator searches for her lost dancing partner into ucating music, good ninyhere Director, Mana Novare

◆ HOUSESITTER (PG): Goldie Hawn rheam house and poses as his wife, A lew bright spots, mostly very trying. Director Frank Oz Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Boker Street (071-935 972) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

Plaza (071-497 9999) UCI Whiteleys IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (15) IMMACLITATE CONCEPTION (15)* Childles Western couple in Pakistan suffer culture clashes: Interesting material scuppered by intery treatment James Wilby, Melissa Leo Whiterderctor, Jamid Dehlan.
Minema (071-235 4225) MGM
Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM
Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279/379 7025).

CURRENT

RAICE (15)* Finendship and wolence among ghetto youths. Superior sample of the new black cinema, directed by Spike Lee's cameraman, Ernest R. Dickerson. Starting Omar Epps, Tupac

◆ LETHAL WEAPON 3 (15), Rousing ◆ LETHAL WEAPON 3 (15), Rousing comedy and mayhem with LA cops Riggs and Murtaugh Mel Gibson, Danny Glover, Joe Pesc; director, Richard Donner MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarkat (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

LOVERS (18): In Franco's Spain, Victoria Abril derails her lodger's intended marriage. Excellent tale of mad love, experty mounted by director Vicente Arganda MGM Piccadilly (071–437 3561) Screen on the Hill (071–435 3366) Screen on Baker Street (071-935

◆ THE PLAYER (15): Dazzling satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Altman from Michael Tollan's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer, plus cameos galore.

MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM MGM Chelsoa (071-352 5096) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Screen on Baker Street (071-935-2772) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ THE POWER OF QNE (12) Orphaned white South African child develops a social conscience. Jumbled epic, coarsely handled by director John G. Avildsen, Stephen Dorff, Microan Freeman, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Barblean (071-638 8891) Camdon Parlicivary (071-267 7034) Empire (071-370 2636) MGM Parnton Street (071-390 0631) Whitbeleys (071-792 3303).

o WHITE SANDS (15). The FBI, black, marketeers and a small-town cop chase each other's talls in New Mesoco. An impenetizable plot, but lively. William Datoe, Michey Rourke; director, Roger Donaldson. MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

THEATRE

Formula that fits the prescription

It Runs in the Family Playhouse

THE curtain rises on a four-door room where Dr Mortimore is rehearsing the lecture he must soon deliver to a congress of neurologists. Within seconds he is interrupted by Dr Connolly, who holds out the speech Father Christmas will be making at the Boxing Day party. The simplest among us know that Dr Mortimore is going to pick up the wrong speech and hurry off to ask the neuro-surgeons what they want from Santa.

Nothing of the sort happens. Santa's speech is never mentioned again. dumped, presumably, by Ray Cooney at one of the re-writes of a script that started out at Guildford five years ago. However, the need to deliver the lecture is central to what then happens. If Mortimore performs well, promo-tion and a certain knighthood follow, so it is more than a passing inconvenience when a nurse he last saw 18 years ago tells him he has an 18-yearold son who wants to meet his dad.

With the erosion of social taboos, simple adultery is no longer enough to drive the engine of farce. An illegitimate skinhead provides some extra fuel, and there still are a few professions where respectability is expected, medicine being one it has become fearfully familiar territory for farce. Watching Matron, Sister, doctors and the eminent consultant stride in, ask an awkward question, be answered at random and stride out, the prospect for a lively evening look poor.

Then a curious shift occurs, about 15 minutes into the evening, when the consultant (Dennis Ramsden) repeats



Balancing act: Ray Cooney, Windsor Davies, Jacqueline Clarke, William Harry and John Quayle

a line about the nurse having palpitations in the corridor. Having hitherto been an impatient and normal member of the human race, he now accepts abnormality as the norm: some part of the female body is called the corridor and the nurse has been having palpitations in it.

Cooney constructs his plays artfully. Most of the characters are the stock of farce as it has been with us for the past 30 years, and he even, cheekily, brings in a hypodermic to puncture Matron's rump. The balancing act on the window-ledge is new, and directed by Cooney to look dangerous as well as funny, but this play also introduces the character of Bill, a spritely old chap in a wheelchair, whose function is pretty close to that of the Chorus in Greek Tragedy. Played with lip-smacking relish by Henry McGee, he is the only person to keep track of events and, at moments most irritating to John Quayle's inanely smiling Mortimore. Bill's piping reminders of something

we had forgotten are neatly placed to harvest laughter.

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The moments in this daffy evening where Cooney's invention fails to work for me are those when a character is caught signalling to a conspirator and converts the gesture into a tap routine or Kung-Fu display. These unfunny physical jerks dent the illusion of the contained, mad world which Cooney elsewhere charts so engagingly.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Bucolic and infectious

SPOOFING a spoof is a risky enterprise, but Paul Doust's adaptation of Stella Gibbons's original novel is reasonably faithful and offers rich comic possibilities, as Jeremy Kingston concluded in his review of the first production, at Newbury in 1991. Now a National Youth Theatre company is seizing the opportunities for both broad and more subtle comedy in a revival which lights up Greenwich Theatre more joyously than many of its more senior recent predecessors.

Gill Shaw's towering. Wizard-of-Oz/Psycho set is vital to the evening's success, though in the comparatively small space available here the large cast sometimes has trouble getting on and off as fast as it ought. The costumes (wardrobe supervisor Susan Howard-Jones) are superb, particular-Lighting (Kevin Fitz-Simons) and

sound (Jeremy Allan) are top-notch. Lynchpin of the piece is Anna Francolini, an imperious, indefatigable and yet touching Flora, overcoming every obstacle with sunny confidence. This is a sustained and mature performance of great promise. The ghastly Starkadder clan is formi-

THERE was a strange feeling in the

air last Saturday. The second of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra's three

South Bank concerts was delayed by

the street brawls around Waterloo

Station. Concert-goers were faced with

the sight of riot police holding forma-

tion immediately outside the hall.

Then Alfred Brendel, of all people,

experienced a fairly drastic lapse of

memory towards the end of Beetho-

ven's First Piano Concerto. Such

things simply do not normally happen.

ensemble and opulent sound shown by

the Orpheus CO in both this and their

final concert, except in the fairyland of

the recording studio. These musicians.

as usual working without a conductor,

stayed unfazed by Brendel's misfor-

tune, which came during a typically

Yet there were hints here, as earlier in Schubert's D major Overture,

D556, that they had prepared over-

elegant and thoughtful account.

Nor do miracles like the precise

Cold Comfort Farm Greenwich

dably headed by Michelle Anthony's Aunt Ada (whose rocking-chair is nerched precariously aton the tumbledown farmhouse), in a selfless, virtuoso display, grotesquely personifying bile.

Director Deborah Seymour has done well in differentiating between the multitude of other characters and giving due weight to each strand of the plot. Favourite episodes of the book, in this antic disguise, gain rather than lose power. The Quivering Brethren sermon and Hawk-Monitor Ball (movement by Andy Williams) work beautifully, with the latter dominated by the dancing of Seth (Tim Briggs, Pickup, excellent, whose partnership reworks Saturday Night Fever as

Saturday Night Vapours. Space must be found to praise Simon Farnaby as Adam: rustic beyond words. Performances continue until this Saturday.

TONY PATRICK | African and jazz influences worked

DANCE

Mix and match with zest THE enthusiasm and zest of Pace Dance Company have an infectious quality. When they went into encore

time, people began getting up to run on stage and join in: until the dance floor was full of bodies jiving or forming an immense conga-line. Over here from Cape Town, the company consists of nine dancers (some black, some white) supported by a little spitfire of a singer, and three players of the band Makwerhu. The singer, Thoko Magula, does some

provide music, vocally and with handheld percussion. The company's aim is to combine traditional village or town dances with contemporary theatrical dance. Probably this has more point back home, and

dancing too, and the dancers help

maybe the ingredients of the mixture To an English eye, the moderndance elements look simple and naive. Even the best, Bophumtwalu, did not dig very deep into its theme of barriers between black and white, although danced with touching sincerity by Julie

Lock and Sonwabo Masepe. The band's fusion of reggae and Village Dance The Place

well, and the dancers for the most part looked best in straightforward numbers like the gumbout dance, derived from South African black mineworkers, or the lively Mpantsula

iiving from the city ghettoes. In more ambitious numbers, some of the dancers looked strained, but the men showed athletic strength, and the unnamed tall, slender man, who twisted as if bonelessly during the song

"Zulu Boy", was amazing. Perhaps the season of contemporary South Asian dance just starting at The Place (and in Leicester and Manchester) will suggest other ways of combi-Pace was that the dancers' strength and best hope for development might lie in staying closer to traditional dance forms and trying to make theatrical presentations based on them.

It would be good to see such energy focused on what it does best.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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CONCERTS

Meticulous to a fault

yearned for a hint of spontaneity, for a feeling that there

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their assurance at times verged dangerously on complacency. But after suffering appalling performances for so long, the spirit of Webern will certainly not be complaining about the wondrous reading his Five Movements for Strings, Op 5, received. The players knew exactly how

to let the music do its own speaking, though with rare sweetness of tone and sureness of touch. Again, perhaps this music needed a measure of uncertainty or fragility, though Schoenberg's Second Cham-

ber Symphony. Op 38 — a comparative rarity - suited the

Orpheus's fruity was space for the unplanned. Instead qualities well. The performance also possessed plenty of gutsiness, for all the refinement of the string and woodwind

THE following evening began with Haydn's Symphony No 53, "The Imperial", an appropriate mix of elegance and majesty. In the more intimate Queen Elizabeth Hall, the well-defined colours of the woodwind sounded particularly vivid, and they provided plenty of drama in Cynthia Haymon's fiery singing of Haydn's Scena di Berenice.

Haymon was less convincing in Mozart's "Dove sono", from Figaro, where she overdid the outward drama and stifled the inner thoughtfulness which the aria is all about. Likewise the concert aria "Bella mia fiamma-... Resta, O cara", K528, might have benefited from a marginally less force-ful kind of expression, different in flavour though it is. Her magnificent voice, however, aptly complemented

the players. After a meticulous performance of Schubert's ballet music from Rosamunde, the Orpheus bade farewell to London with something quite marvellous. Schoenberg's arrangement for string orchestra of his sextet Verklärte Nacht was performed with absolute concentration. Not the slightest gesture was out of place technically, and one was completely enveloped in the emotional ebbs and flows.

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Architecture: Marcus Binney salutes the achievements of expatriate Englishman Ralph Erskine, whom he votes leader of the profession

Unsung hero is in tune with the times

ing the sudden death of Sir James Stirling, the widely acknowledged leader of their profession. My contender is Ralph Erskine.

Now in his seventies, he is a man who has given Functionalism a human face. While most of Britain's leading architects work principally for developers and com-mercial clients, hoping for the occasional plum public commission. Erskine has remained true to one of modernism's basic ideals: providing housing for the people In Britain the Ronan Point disaster made many architects in private practice distance themselves from housing: Erskine positively relishes the

So why is his name so little known? After all, he won the RIBA's coveted gold medal a decade before Richard Rogers and Norman Foster. But he has spent most of his working life in Sweden.

He began training in the early 1930s as a surveyor. It was an article on Misha Black's colourful furnishings for the new BBC headquarters that inspired his change to architecture. Learning that "while many architects were short of work, good architects were in short supply" he promptly resolved to become a good

His studies drew him to Scandinavia and in May 1939 he set off across Sweden by bicycle, fell in love with the country, found a job in an architect's office and asked his fiancée to join him. They were married in Stockholm City Hall two days before war broke out.

Suddenly he was without a job. Erskine was a Quaker and a committed pacifist and had been stracted to Sweden partly because of its neurality. His plans to join the Quaker Ambulance Service in Norway ended wher, the Germans invaded. With no hope of returning to England and no money, he set out to build a oneroom box house on a rocky wooden site given to him by a farmer. He used any materials at hand, including loose stones in the woods and bricks from an

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The single-room house was so inge-nious that it formed the touchstone of his career. But Swedish winters taught him one lesson - never again design a house with an all-glass wall. After the war he stayed in Sweden, his draughtsmanship winning enough competitions to support

In Britain his best-known work is the spectacular Byker Wall in Newcastle, a vast housing project that is easily misunderstood, followed recently by London's newest landmark, the Ark: the futuristic office development by Hammersmith flyover. Right now he is delivering designs for new stations on London's proposed

two ways. They are intentionally sculptural, breaking the matchbox image of Modernism, and brightly coloured. "I'm a romantic. I like expressive forms," he

ho shall wear the crown?
This is the question many architects are asking follow-decides what to say and then chooses the most beautiful words to express it."

In functional terms what concerns him most is the interaction between people. The job of buildings is to improve human relations. Architecture must ease them, not make them more difficult." At the Ark, instead of corridors and lift lobbies, there are open balconies, terraces and bridges angled so you can see and

talk to people above and below.

"The more you bring people together, the more you must give them a chance to opt out and be private. It's beautifully done in older towns, very badly in modern ones." Buildings, he says, must enrich the towns in which they stand, not destroy

The streamlined forms of his new university library at Stockholm suggest an ocean liner, with sloping sides and towers



Ralph Erskine: "I like expressive forms... The job of buildings is to improve human relations'

angled like funnels. In the sun the cladding catches the light like silver foil and aluminium gauze, creating sparkling reflections. A particular Erstine touch are the outside reading balconies, hoisted high on stilts and angled towards the south like the covered seats on seaside promenades.

In Stockholm his World Trade Centre is like a vast glass-roofed conservatory flooded with light. The powerfully modelled staircase and lift tower shoots out through the roof so that when seen against a blue sky the effect is like a reflection in a pool of water. The lower level of this latter-day Crystal Palace contains the ultra-elegant concourse of the city's main bus station, so the public enjoys the sunlit atrium as much as the workers in the offices above. The Hammersmith Ark is similar, a huge atrium enclosed in an egg-shaped shell of glass, fiction drawing.

He talks enthusiastically about his latest large housing project at Tappström, an

it in a competition but increasingly felt the whole scheme was wrong. So I spent every weekend entirely changing it. The prob-lem was that the authorities had sold all the land by the water. I had to persuade them to buy it back, knock down the factories that had been built there and put houses instead."

He is a passionate devotee of Jane Jacobs and her theories that the traditional streets and layouts of older towns are superior to ordered modern ones. "At Tappström we have created 650 dwellings in walking distance of shops, entertainment and the church." He is very keen on creating a mix of both rented and. privately owned housing. "In Britain local councils will build exclusively for lower income people. It's just a way of creating another ghetto." The problem, he says, is that no one wants to build cheap housing.

as there is no money in it.

He places special emphasis on land-scaping. "It's usually the last element in the budget and the first to be cut. But if planting is skimped, in my view, a project is fundamentally flawed. Plants give life. Everyone enjoys them. It's not just trees and shrubs. It's birdsong and wildlife. It's also very low cost compared to all the other embellishments you might want." At Byker he provided new residents with cheap plants for their gardens. The result is a suburban lushness almost unknown on a large housing estate.

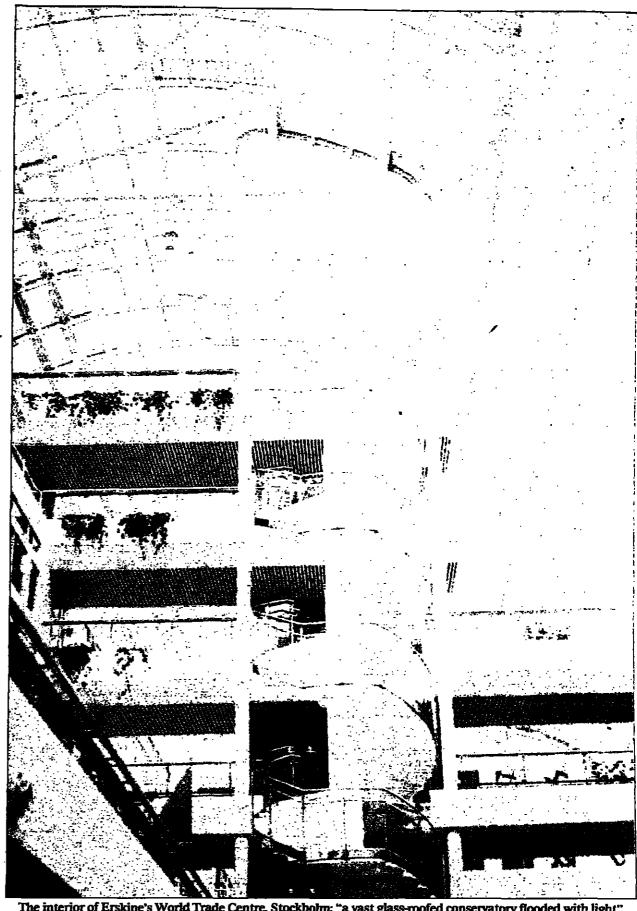
Most people have the image of Byker as

mile-long wall of housing. Erskine lesigned it this way to shut out the noise of an inner-city expressway that was never built. But on the other side the wall, which is up to 11 storeys high, has fine views over the city. Better still is the wealth of cottage housing below, each house with its own garden. The budget was restricted, but strong colour was introduced by brightly-painted wood and even corrugat-

ed plastic.
"I enjoy colour. When I came to Sweden it was all Cubist modern - big windows and leaking flat roofs. I noticed how the traditional red houses were much better in the landscape, especially in winter when white looks dirty." At Tappström he uses collage to create a patchwork effect that gives the impression of housing that has grown over time.

he vernacular is a constant source of inspiration. "You know that book Architecture Without Architects, illustrating simple housing forms in southern Europe, Africa and Asia? They're some of the most beautiful buildings you'll ever see."

Erskine has gone to Africa and is working on projects in Botswana and Namibia. "Here in Europe I'm gilding the lily. There they really need advice. Housing has to be very low cost, of mud or even corrugated iron. But when you look closely at traditional African settlements we noticed five different gradations of space between public and private. There



The interior of Erskine's World Trade Centre, Stockholm: "a vast glass-roofed conservatory flooded with light"

done by the women." Recently he won a £100,000 prize from the Wolf Foundation. "I put the money in a trust to encourage low-cost, ecological architec-Portuguese architect in Mozambique. He'd fought the authorities in the war and are fascinating decorative details such as is now building two half universities; they island on a lake west of Stockholen. "I won finger-patting in the sand. And entirely can't afford whole ones. It's all concrete

blocks and corrugated asbestos but is beautiful as any I've seen." The other project is for a leper colony in India which two young Norwegian architects have

Drottningholm. With big projects we go into partnership with large practices. I reserve the right to design from the first sketches down to the details. They do the How did he cope with his vast and varied workload and yet still retain personal involvement in design? "We are just six people here in my atelier in feelings."

computers? "I always sketch with pen and paper. I maintain the brain is the best computer, and the only one with feelings."

ARTS BRIEF

Cry the beloved?

GIVEN the rumours about the impending demise of Radio 2 in a new, slimmer BBC, the network's decision to broadcast a "Country Music Week" may go down as one of the zanier suicide notes in history. Radio 2 chiefs clearly feel there is a big audience for a week (October 8-15) of George Strait, Emmylou Harris, Tammy Wynette, Nanci Griffith and all the rest of the Tennessee gang.
The week is launched by the

indefatigable Wally Whyton, introducing the Country Music Association Awards from Nashville. It also sees the start of a weekly series called New Country presented by Nick Barraclough. "My mission in life," says Barraclough. "is to make country music so hip that my wife stops clucking like a chicken whenever she hears a country song.": "" e sceptics may wonder who ner saturation coverage on Radio 2 is the most obvious way of fulfilling this ambition.

Name game THE Academy of St Martinin-the-Fields may not quite have the longest name in the orchestral world, but it certainly has one of the most famous. Much heart-searching, then, must have accompanied its decision to change its image, thanks to sponsorship from a Canadian telephone company, Northern Telecom.

Patronage worth £125,000 is paying for a new corporate image it involves the last six words of its name being all but dropped in its new logo. The sponsorship also gives the orchestra a composer-in-residence for three years, plus a series of colour Tube posters designed by the Mexican artist, Leonard Nierman.

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Angela Carter: for her, goodness and truth were not discovered, but remembered

nce upon a time, writers left their testaments on paper. Angela Carter apparently wanted last night's Omnibus (BBC 1), which was made shortly before she died in February this year aged only 52, to be her memorial. Herpreference for images on film over the written word, even in so personal a document, was quite in character.

She was this country's fairy godmother of magic realism, never a purely literary movement, and an author of several successful screenplays, includ-ing The Company of Wolves. Hers was a cinematic imagination, and central to it was her belief that stars such as Louise Brooks or Mariene Dietrich had been completely invented personalities, even

Carter's literary life revolved around this problematic, selfcreated identity. The Omnibus programme, Angela Carter's Mysterious Room, returned repeatedly (and, it must be said, rather tiresomely) to the image of a room, full of wonderful objects, from which we are perpetually excluded and which we spend all our time trying to remember. This metaphor, which seems to have been important to her, was reminiscent both of the Garden of Eden and of Plato's cave: goodness and truth are not discovered, but remem-

The programme concentrated on her childhood and youth. It was an idealised

TELEVISION.

Books barely furnish a room

portrait: though her brother was also interviewed, he told us only that Angela had been a very fat adolescent, who had suddenly transformed herself into a sylph. We learned nothing about their family except the private world which Angela invented for herself, in which clocks never told the right time and her journalist father took her to the sumptuous art deco picture palace in Balham.

Everything about Angela's youth appeared to be a portent. Her mother was told she was pregnant on the day war was declared. Her lack of makeup and her fishnet stockings were insisted on by her mother when she began her first job - but fashions had changed, and by the late Fifties this was the get-up of a demi-mondaine. Her life consisted of a sequence of metamorphoses.

Once the lovely butterfly of her girlhood had acquired the "long antennae of the intellec-

tual", once Angela Carter had become "Angela Carter", however, "everything" became pol-itical. She even managed to make something sinister out of the gentrification of Balham, delivering this cocktail-cur-dling warning: "Double park-ing your Porsche" — so people in Balham still preserve these ancient customs? -- "is a political act!"

She also became rather a fierce literary critic. Her obiter dictum on Shakespeare — "a lovable man, but I'm afraid not very clever" — left one eager for more, perhaps on her contemporaries and rivals; but instead the film doubled back on itself, with more mystical stuff about the search for knowledge and truth being really an attempt to return to the time before one was born. Mumbo jumbo or magic? It depends whether you respond

to her insistent appeal to the submerged adolescent in all of us. Carter had become very grand by the end of her life, a sublimation of the narcissism which was evidently a part of her invented personality from the beginning. In her work, though, she retained an authentic awe in the presence of nature, a childlike fascination with the infinite mutability of the visible world. Her own world was different she refused, she said, to allow her characters any autonomy: a writer who could not keep control of her creations should be ashamed of herself.

RADIO REVIEW

Myth sounding like a hit

great city was getting an airing

the first part of a

fter Freud had startled the world with his description of the Oedipus complex, there was a spate of new translations of Sophocles's play about the doomed king. W.B. Yeats began one in 1904 and tinkered with it for over 25 years - but he was satisfied with it in the end, and declared that he had produced a "plain man's Oedipus".
This was the translation that

John Theocharis used in his Sunday Play, King Oedipus on Radio 3. It has a slight bloom of Shakespearisms, but it is mostly in straightforward, robust English. Gilbert Mur-ray, who himself wrote a rather woolly verse translation in 1911, said that the great scene where Queen Jocasta innocently reveals the fatal truth to her husband-and-son is like Ibsen. That was the mode in which Theocharis cast his production.

Dorothy Tutin as Jocasta provided the outstanding performance of the evening. The moment when she in her turn realises that the prophecy is true — Oedipus is her aban-doned child — and rushes out to kill herself, was the emotional high point of the play. Robert Lindsay (leaping the vast distance from Citizen Smith to King Oedipus) gave us a dignified, stubborn hero, though I thought his determinedly measured response to some of the revelations was just a bit too flat.

Paul Daneman made an excellent contrast as Creon, Oedipus's brother-in-law, relaxed, even jocular as he brushed aside the king's suspicious accusations of treachery. His performance pointed up Oedipus's terrible isolation. Only Peter Vaughan as Tiresias seemed to have misjudged his tone of voice. It was in the spirit of the production to make him more of a querulous old man than a soothsaver, but he ended up sounding like a stray from Dad's Army.

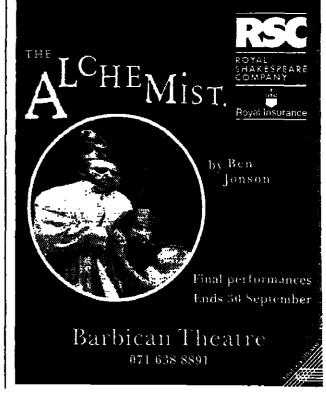
Gilbert Murray thought that the sophisticated Sopho-DANIEL JOHNSON | des did not himself consider

incest so serious, and that for all the psychological realism of el Père Goriot. But there was the play its author was connot much sense of the atmosciously evoking a primitive era of Greek history. That sphere of Balzac's Paris here. It is such a teeming novel that aspect of the drama was brought out by Christos it has to be stripped down to the barest bones to make a Pittas's haunting music, which radio play. However the adapter. David Hopkins. marvellously conjured up the frightening atmosphere of Thebes, this city "stumbling towards death" with its wailmade a lucid job of it, with Stephen Fry narrating rather cosily, and Douglas Hodge ing chorus in the streets. winning our sympathy as the Over on Radio 4, another young Rastignac.

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Come home, Jacopo Bassano

Philip Rylands goes into the Italian countryside to see a 400th-anniversary

exhibition of a late Venetian painter

n the National Gallery in London, Christ kneels in a bleached purple robe, his beautiful face looking rather absently at a large white cloth held before him by St Veronica, who gazes back with an open-mouthed look of expec-tancy. All around there are horsemen, soldiers and weeping women. In the far distance, a hump-backed mountain, like a great solitary Skiddaw, is silhouetted blue against a storm-threatened sunset. The mountain is a portrait of the Monte del Grappa, which looms over the little north Italian town of Bassano, home of that ferocious Italian liqueur which is sold in osterie near its famous bridge over the Brenta.

It is one of the oddities of Flemish and Italian Renaissance paintings that religious scenes are set in local landscapes - nativities on plateaux high above Umbria, baptisms in tributaries of the Adige, dying BVMs with a view through the window to Mantua, Jacopo Bassano, who painted the Way of Calvary described above, is so completely identified with the little town whose name he took, and where he lived for most of his life. that the exhibition which was inaugurated there last week by Giovanni Spadolini, president of the Italian Senate, amounts as much to a celebration of Bassano as of its eponymous Jacopo.

Jacopo Bassano died 400 years ago on February 13, aged 82. In the Venetian Cinquecento Olympics, he gets the bronze medal, trailing behind Titian (gold), Tintoretto and Veronese (joint silver). He was given some prominence in the "Genius of Venice" exhibition in 1983 at the Royal Academy, and it was on this occasion that two museum directors independently conceived the idea of a commemorative exhibition for 1992: Paolo Marini of the Museo Civico. Bassano, and Edmund Pillsbury of the Kimbell Art Museum. Fort Worth. Forces were eventually joined, and the present exhibition — the first since 1957 — takes place now in Bassano and later in Texas.

Bassano has always been most widely known for his hybrid Bible and farmyard scenes. From the mid-1560s onwards, Jacopo, and the workshop populated by his sons, produced large numbers of these paintings veiled as, for example, The Adoration of the Shepherds, or The Parable of the Sower. However, these rather oppressive pastorals (the light is always crepuscular, and the realism is offset by artificial postures and figure types left over from the They are a mere by-product of Jacopo's varied career, in which he

painted many works of astounding beauty.

He started out in his father's workshop in Bassano. But his swift apprehension of the mature art of Titian, as well as of Emilian and Roman Mannerism, hurtled him into the small band of the best painters of the Venetian

Cinquecento. In 1533 he went to Venice, then dominated by the rival geniuses of Titian and Pordenone. The most prolific workshop was that of Bonifacio de Pitati, and there Jacopo found work. A provincial taste for realism gradually came to be modi-fied by a cosmopolitan stylishness— the aristocratic women, androgynous men, fluid limbs, acid colours, and sophisticated drawing associated with Mannerism.

Two altarpieces, side by side in the exhibition, dramatise this. A stocky, muscular St Jerome, a peasant-like St Francis, a plain-featured St Anne with a chubby Infant Virgin in the St Anne Enthroned with Saints typify his early work, influenced by the coarser style of Pordenone or Bonifacio. The piece might be a tableau vivant from some rustic festival. A year later, a Madonna and Child with Sts Martin and Anthony Abbot is identical in composition, but looks instead like a court masque.

he delicate-featured Madonna comes from Parmigianino's etchings. Radiant lights, quite different from his former rather dead light, play across the folds of St Martin's robes; the finely chiselled small heads, the slender fingers, and the rarefied, ecstatic expressions belong to the dimate of Mannerism. The extent to which Venice could

be said to have had a Mannerist phase was the subject of an exhibition at the Doge's Palace a few years ago. What we gain from Jacopo Bassano's art is both a revelation and a recognition — the revelation of a Venetian artist who, for two decades, produced exquisite. Mannerist works of art, and a fresh recognition of the beauties of which this style was capable. The National Gallery's Way of Calvary is a perfect example. Back in Bassano, with the joy of a newfound freedom, Jacopo experimented in subsequent years with paintings in which artifice is uppermost - he streamlines Mannerist forms in strange dreamlike paintings of the utmost virtuosity. A Way of Calvary from Budapest, a Beheading of St John the Baptist from Copenhagen, Cleveland, rank high in Mannerist production anywhere in Italy.



Mannerist masterpiece: Bassano's Way of Calvary, with the Monte del Grappa in the background

An altarpiece of 1561, the Crucifix-ion with Saints (Treviso, Museo Civico) terminates Jacopo's Mannerist phase and marks the return to normality of posture, and realism of light and texture. Jacopo's debt here was above all to Titian. The repertoire of feeling and gesture, the variety of human response (contemplative, impassioned, intellectual), the changing postures and controlled asymmetry. together with a high finish of surface and light effects, make this one of the absolute masterpieces of the late ltalian Renaissance.

Like many of the works in the exhibition, the Crucifixion has been deaned for the occasion. It is thus possible for the first time to perceive the blue-veined muscularity of Jesoftness of Mary Magdalen's tearful gaze, the rich hues of red, blue and green, or the noble but real physique of Jesus Christ. Only the absurdly windswept loincloth survives as a caprice of Mannerist decorativeness.

It used to be assumed that the old Jacopo, with failing eyesight, retired from his trade around 1580, soon after completing his great altarpiece of St Martin and the Beggar (Museo Civico, Bassano). Thanks however to some revisionist art history in the 1960s, conducted by the two living experts on Jacopo Bassano. Alessandro Ballarin and W Roger Rearick, we now have a corpus of paintings representing his ultima maniera in the 1580s. Realism yields to the loose brushstroke: a painterliness of incredible mastery. The dimmed light of these paintings eyesight, were it not that this palette Philip Rylands is director of the Peggy was shared by all Venetian painters of

the time, including Titian, who had died in 1576 but whose unfinished paintings may have promoted this precocious "impressionism".

The town of Bassano, with its gourmet shops and its Ponte Vecchio attributed to Palladio, is worth visiting at all seasons. But the homage to its most famous son is a marvellous new incentive. The installation of the exhibition, with a chest-high dado to distance the crowds, is intelligently designed to enable the visitor to see the works comfortably, and to follow the extraordinary, even mercurial changes in Jacopo's art.

● Jacopo Bassano, Museo Civico, Bassano, Italy, until December 5, 1992. and Kimbell Art Museum, Forth Worth, Texas, January 23-April 25, 1993.

Guggenheim museum in Venice.

FESTIVAL: BERLINER FESTWOCHEN

Welcome to Prague

Waterloo revisited

David Bartal on the Abba revival

and what they are all doing now.

bba, the glittery Swed-A ish pop group which dazzled and delighted millions of fans worldwide during the 1970s, is back. No. Biorn. Benny, Agnetha and Frida aren't ready to jump into their old flared velvet pants and strike up a reusing chorus of "Dancing Queen". But their melodic, polished music and flamboyant style has attracted a host of imitators and new fans who were toddlers when Abba-fever first raged.

No one has done more to bring Abba to centre-stage in the 1990s than the modern pop group Erasure. Englishmen Vince Clarke and Andy Bell, who in their live act dress fetchingly as Abba girls Agnetha and Frida, topped UK charts for five weeks in spring with their extendedplay single "Abba esque", which contains four of the

Swedes' biggest hits. "Erasure helped a new gen-eration to discover the group, and a lot of old fans

have come out of the closet and admitted they liked their music all along," says Steve Blame, an MTV disc

With 180 million records sold, more than a few hard rock fans must have been shuffling out of record shops for years with Abba albums concealed in brown paper wrappers. And the soft rock success saga isn't over yer. Under the guidance of the original Abba engi-neer Michael B. Tretow, a digitally re-mastered collection of the best 19 Abba

on September 21. It is now ten years since Abba's last song The Day Before You Came" was released, and 18 years since the group won the

tunes will be released

Eurovision Song Contest at Brighton with "Waterloo". Partly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Abba's demise, a chorus of modern Swedish artists has produced an album of new versions of Abba hits. The Australian group Biorn Again also sings spin-offs are probably Pakistani sisters Salma and Sabina. who sing Abba favourites in Hindi.

Despite the flurry of enthusiasm. a reunion of the now middle-aged performers is unlikely. All of the original Abba members are now doing very well on their own. Agnetha Faliskog, 42, produced a record of children's music and two solo albums after her career with Abba but has now deliberately sought a life with her two teenage children far from the reach of autograph hounds and newspaper

Bjorn Ulveus, 47, is currentv helping former Abba mate Benny Andersson, 45, produce a new musical about Swedes who emigrated to America during the last

Benny Andersson also wrote the music for Chess and, going back to his folk music roots. made two albums with a



Abba: when they were together

group of Swedish accor-

Annafrid (Frida) Lyngstad. who heads an environmental group in Sweden, figured prominently in gossip columns recently when she married her long-time boyfriend Russo Reuss, an Italian prince. The light-hearted disco and imitates Abba. But the out may be over, but the Abba most exotic of all the Abba fairytale lives on.

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minutes respectively. After a further I hour and 45 minutes, he takes off for Kansas City (via Chicago) where he lands 3 hours and 20 minutes later. Fifty-six minutes after landing he enters his brother-in-law's home and glances at the clock. What time does it read to the nearest minute?

(Chicago and Kansas City are 6 hours behind GMT, Washington and Detroit 5 hours behind. Please use the 24hour clock and assume all actions are continuous).

UNITED AIRLINES Hemingway in the bars.

Dream world

ORLANDO is one of the main gateways to Florida, and a major airport for United Airlines. There are really two Floridas — the tourist world of beaches and theme parks, and the "real" Florida of the Everglades and the state parks: Orlando's Walt Disney World has three theme-parks. The Magic Kingdom celebrates Disney, with a Disney Character Hit Parade every

day. The Epcot Centre has two themes: the wonders of technology, including the 180ft-high geosphere of Spaceship Earth, and the harmony of nations with presentations of the life (and food) of many countries. The Dis ney-MGM Studios Theme Park takes you into Holly-

wood history. You will also find the Sea World theme park, with its dolphins, sting-rays and water-skiing spectaculars, and Universal Studios, the biggest



Geosphere: Spaceship earth

film and television studio outside Hollywood. Further southwest are the swampy Everglades, with guided tours of the birds and alligators, as well as hikes and canoeing. Over on the east side are Miami and its beaches. There are continuous street shows and cruises around the bay. best of all at sunset.

Southernmost of all is the string of islands called the Florida Keys, from which glass-bottomed boats will take you out to see exotic lish and coral and sunken wrecks. Key West is different night

spots and the life of pleasure.

with memories of Spanish

fleets in the bays and Ernest

¶ he Berliner Festwochen

focuses on Prague, got

off to a resounding start with

Aribert Reimann's opera Das

Schloss (The Castle) based on

Kafka's novel and spcially

festival, which this year

commissioned by the Berliner Festwochen and the Deutsche Born in Berlin in 1936, Reimann has successfully transformed a number of plays into operas and his Lear.

composed in 1978, is viewed by many German critics as one of the great operas of the century, ranking alongside Berg's Wozzeck and Zimmermann's Soldaten. Reimann's achievement in Das Schloss is to have created a thoroughly original work

while finding a common voice with Kafka, so that there is never a sense of disjunction between the writer and the composer. Each character has been given both an individual singing style and a particular musical accompaniment. Thus. Wolfgang Schöne, the baritone who sings the part of K. is often accompanied by the a double bass, while other characters are marked, say, by sounds of glockenspiel and

A huge cylinder takes up most of the stage, rotating with each scene to reveal a village inn, municipal offices or K's rented room. The Kafkaesque world created by director Willy Decker and designer Wolfgang Gussmann is both nightmarish and amusing, peopled by comic grotesques such as K's assistants, Jeremiah and Arthur, a classic comic duo in the tradition of Laurel and Hardy or Beckett's Vladimir and Estragon. Reimann introduces a note of pathos which is not always present in the novel and the final scene in which K. stands in a telephone box making one last, doomed attempt at human contact, is exceptionally poignant.

A world of nightmarish comedy: Wolfgang Schöne and Peter Matic in Das Schloss

Taclay Havel, the Czech president, came to Ber-lin last week to see a performance of a play he wrote in 1972, a version of the The Beggars' Opera in a production by the Cinoherni klub.

As one of the most daring political theatres in Prague during the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Cinoherni klub was a frequent target for state repression and many of its leading figures were forced to move abroad during the 1970s, including Jiri Menzel, who directed this new production of Havel's play.

Just as Bertolt Brecht found a contemporary resonance in John Gay's 18th-century play when he wrote The Threepenny Opera, Havel uses this tale of police and thieves in the London underworld to explore the theme which underlies all his work: the crisis in human relationships. For Havel, the central question is, "Who serves whom?", and he ends the play with the words of a corrupt magistrate who has taken control of both police and criminals: "He who knows not whom he serves, serves best."

Great expectations awaited this production on its arrival in Berlin and it was well received, despite a lack of excitement in the direction and a great deal of mannered acting and old-fashioned clanking of props. Although the orchestral con-

certs boasting big names such as Claudio Abbado and Riccardo Muti have been sold out, most of the events at this year's Festwochen have been poorly attended, even though the standard of work on offer is high. The organisers blame the increased competition for audiences in Berlin, but at a time when money is in shorter supply than before, these low box office returns could spell the end for this festival, which has been a major fixture in Berlin's cultural calendar for 42 years.

DENIS STAUNTON

● The Berliner Festwochen con-tinues until September 27. The next performance of Das Schloss is at the Deutsche Oper on

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT.

• EISENSTADT: The Haydn Festival continues this month in the house where the composer lived and worked for 40 years: the Esterházy Palace in Eisenstadt. Austria. Esterházy Palace, Eisenstadt, Austria (010 4326 8261 866).

 GENEVA: Geneva's Grand Théatre stages a new production of Gustave Charpentier's opera Louise. Although Louise was very successful when it was first produced in 1900, its sequel Julien failed. Mary Mills plays Louise, Maureen Forrester, the mother, Gregory Kunde, Julien, and Jean-Philippe Courtis, the father. Armin Jordan conducts.

Le Grand Théâtre de Genève. Place Neuve (010 4122 212 311). September 18, 21, 24,

• LINZ: The International Bruckner Festival continues until October 4. Luciano Berio conducts his vocal ensemble Electric Phoenix (October 2): Brigine Fassbaender gives a recital of works by Schreker. Bruckner, Brahms and Dvořák (September 24); Kathryn Harries and Wolfgang Schmidt perform in Wagner's opera Der Fliegende Hollander (September 20); and Marek anowski conducts the Philharmonic Radio Orchestra of France (September 26, 27). Brucknerhaus, Untere Donaulände 7, Postfach 57, A-4010 Linz (010 43 732 275

● NANTES: Nantes Opera will be staging Gasparo Spontini's rarely performed opera La Vestale next month. The opera was one of the first to reflect the taste of the Napoleonic era for operas with sumptous production and plots with historical and political significance. The conductor is Giuliano

L'Opéra de Nantes. 1 rue Molière (010 33 404 1 9060). October 7, 9, 11.

 PARIS: The Baroque Festval takes place in and around the Palace of Versailles. In the Opera Royal, performances of Gluck's Armide with the Or-chestra and Choir of Musiciens du Louvre (September 17, 19, 20); and Rameau's Castor et Pollux by Les Arts Florissants (September 23). Festival Baroque de Versailles. Chateau de Versailles. (010 331 3084 7627), Until October 17.



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Streetwise in any of six languages. Iva Pekarkova says cab driving in New York is delightful - each customer has the potential to become an encounter, or a new story

any people might consider it strange, if not downright irresponsible, that an intelligent woman of tender years should spend her nights driving a yellow cab in New York. Taxi drivers do not last long in this city — 33 were murdered in their cabs last year. The driver of taxi 3Y50 has been robbed both at gunpoint and knifepoint. She loves

For a dollar, Iva Pekárková will sell you "The Book of Iva", an eight-page pamphlet in which the 29-year-old cabbie answers the questions most frequently asked by passengers: "My name is Iva, pronounced 'Ee-va' not 'Eye-va'. I come from Czechoslovakia and I am Czech, not Czechoslovak and not Check." Before driving for two years, she was also "a mediocre social worker in the South Bronx, a lousy waitress, and a catastrophic bartender. I think I'm a pretty decent

She is now also an author. Truck Stop Rainbows, a Kernuac-goes-Czech road novel, is published in America this month by New York's swankiest literary publishers, Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

The economic consequences of this momentous event are that Ms Pekarková can now cut her driving down to three week instead of five. A good night nets \$90 (£46) once the fee is paid to her "Russian mafioso" cab company.

A bad one nets \$45. Despite that, she does not wish to give up work which she considers delightful. Each customer has the potential to become an encounter, or a new story. The pamphlet lists the other advantages: "I get up at 1pm. I can take a day off any time I feel like it. I know the city inside and out and therefore it's hard not to love it. I've learned a lot about other cabdrivers lives and desires, and I know how to say mothers in 16

languages. As well as that mainstay of the cabbie's vocabulary, Ms Pekarkova can also speak six languages - seven. if she now counts Serbo-Croat as two - well enough to hold a conversation. Her extensive American vocabulary includes, tonight, the word "discombobulated". These language skills allowed her to hitchhike her way out of Czechoslovakia in 1985. when it was still a communist country "devoted to the eradication of rainbows", as she describes it in her book.

A cabbie on the road to freedom

Iva Pekárková fled Prague carrying her novel in her head. Now her journey has taken her to the streets of New York. Kate Muir reports

Times Square, that shrine to neon capitalism, could not be further from her past. The taxi bowls and bounces through the post-theatre traffic. Ms Pekárková points out that she is not at her best when talking and driving at once. Between a series of dramatic near-misses, she explains how she carried Truck Stop Rainbows away from Czechoslovakia half-written in her head, fearing that the manuscript would be confiscated. She put it on paper in a concentrated burst of about ten weeks when she was relocated as a refugee to Boston.

The story is of a 25-year-old photographer who rebels against the anonymous housing complexes and the industrial pollution of Prague. She spends her time in escapist hitchhiking across the country on the Northern Road, where she finds the serendipity she seeks in casual affairs with nameless truckers and adventures on the road. For a time, to help an increasingly ill friend, her affairs merge into prostitution, the only easy source of hard currency.

The same grey uniformity frustrated Ms Pekárková in real life. Because her parents did not have a "clean" political record, she stood no chance of studying popular subjects such as liferature at university. Instead, she, took microbiology. "At least that was socialist-proof. You can't propagandise cells." A year before gradua-tion, she jettisoned her degree in favour of the freedom to write abroad.

Although the book is set in the late 1980s, it is the document of a lost age: "We were nothing but serial numbers. Precisely catalogued, massproduced screws in the machinery of a single, enormous filthy factory for the defiling of the sky and the homogenisation of rainbows."

The new, liberated Prague does not meet entirely with her approval. The downtown part of the city has been so commercialised, it reminds her of the tackiness of Coney Island. Tourists, on hearing of her roots, tell her how cheap Prague is, at 50 cents for a beer, not realising the locals still find it hard enough paying ten cents for one. "It's getting to be the Bangkok of Europe — a place to go for cheap

The seedier side of Western capitalism is right in front of her nose every night. She knows which homeless people will be on which corners in the small hours, and has regular convertimes in her four years in the city, she knows the free housing market is also expensive. Indeed, she only acquired her present studio flat on the Upper East Side because a Czech friend was pursued all the way to the States by his overbearing mother. "She just loves him too much, and chases him round the globe." He was forced to become a sailor to escape.

er own mother died when she was aged 17, and she does not have much in common with her father. As an only child, she had few ties in Prague, and the West beckoned ever-brighter. "in Czechoslovakia my book has a naked angel on the cover, because it was done by a company that usually publishes more downmarket stuff. My father thinks it's shocking and he hasn't read it," she says, shrugging. "Over there, I got \$200 and a couple of beers for the rights to it. That's how business gets done there now."

The word beer puts her in mind of one, and she stops to continue the rest

Gulf bar on the West Side highway. It has fairylights on the windows and an old Gulf petrol sign. At the bar there is a fat man with a T-shirt which says: "Corn fed. Inbred. Brain Dead." Ms Pekarková takes her late-

Rough streets and unsavoury saloons hold no fears for her. "I've lived for a year in an Austrian refugee camp," she says, as though brandishing a badge of honour. "It was infamous. We were supposed to have a men's house, a women's house and a family house, but of course it didn't work out. I shared a room with eight girls - and that meant five of their nds too and u came in. After a while, I left because I

night breaks here.

felt safer on the road." Whether it is in a taxi, or the cab of a European truck, Ms Pekárková is only comfortable when she is on the move. She decided hitchhiking was her best method of escape from communism, and managed, after two years of bureaucracy, to get a visa which allowed her into Yugoslavia. As soon as she tried to sneak over the Austrian border, she was thrown into jail. "They kept me among the border whores for two days," she says, screwing up her face. The police took her papers and put her on a train back home through Hungary, but she got off at the first stop and started hitching to the Italian border instead.

"An English truck driver stopped - he had been a sailor and had tattoos all over the place and a ring in his ear to signify he'd crossed the equator. I told him I wanted to get to Italy, but I didn't have a passport, so he took me to a hill a few kilometres from the border, pointed me in the right direction and gave me a map. He waited with me until it got dark, of the conversation in safety at the and then said he'd meet me again at

the other side. And he was there. He said: 'Welcome to the free world', and I was crying like hell. I didn't know where to go. I didn't know about the

refugee camps, so I went to Venice."

She dodged the machine guns of border posts only to find herself faced by handguns in her new occupation. Although her taxicab has a thick perspex partition between the passengers' seats and the driver, she forgot to lock her door one day when two men got in. They directed her to a deserted street, and one got out, opened her door, and pointed a gun at her stomach.

She remembers his words precisely. "He said: 'White Mama, give me all you' money or I'll blow you' brains: out. His grasp of anatomy wasn't good, since he was aiming at my stomach. I gave him the money bag I always wear, and it was all over within 30 seconds. Afterwards, I thought it was very professionally

The day before this interview, she had put herself at risk again, picking up what she thought was a single man in a dodgy area of Harlem. But when she stopped, six men tried to squash into the cab. She was about to tell them to get out, when she thought better of it and took them 20 blocks for free.

instinct for survival, and an ability to storytell her way out of almost anything. She acknowledges she has used up a number of lives, and she may not have so many left. "You've got to be careful you don't become too toughened by it all." she says, shifting another Dixie beer. But her soft side remains in her writing, and, it turns out, when she talks about her occasional loves. There is not room here to go into her two-year Muslim marriage with a Pakistani New Yorker, which ended in divorce when his mother found him a suitable 19year-old from Bangladesh. Or to discuss her friendship with a photographer in the city. But on her last visit to Prague this summer, she met a Czech man who was unexpectedly wonderful. They phone and write, separated by her refusal to live in Prague, and his ineligibility for an

American visa. But he is half French. A French West African taxi driver is helping Ms Pekarkova polish her verbs and vocabulary. She muses on moving to Paris one day. She has to keep travelling until she finds a

Too much life on earth

June Goodfield's programme The

children to have. But I think

we all have the right to choice

and what most women don't

have is any choice. If you give

them all the information and technology that enables us to

make choices and they then say 'sorry but I'm still going to have ten kids', then I have to

The programmes took ten months to make and though

the schedule and the locations

might have taxed a woman

half her age - she rode over

Java in a microlite and across

the Sahara on a camel — Dr Goodfield found her years a

positive advantage, "When

you get to be of grandmotherly age ... you are neither a

Until she was 45 she was an

"orthodox academic" with a doctorate in the history of philosophy and science. Then

her life fell apart: she miscar-

ried the only baby she ever

managed to conceive: her husband, a fellow academic, left

her for a student; her brother died, "My life was in shreds. I

decided to take a drastic

She started writing popular

science books which, in turn.

led to her discovery by tele-vision at the age of 57, "It's

nonsense to believe because

you're past a certain age you

can't do this or that. I am very

conscious of how privileged I've been but women have

tremendous energy and possi-

bility. Life is not over at 40 or 50 or 60. I'd say go for it."

decision to change it :dl."

threat nor a temptation." In some ways Dr Goodfield epitomises the successful sec-ond and third chances in life √ **5**

say 'so be it'."

Cosmic Joke gives warning of a future with population out of control

une Goodfield is an unlikely prophet of apocalyptic doom, being in appearance and manner rather more Miss Marple than Malthus, and, indeed, when she was young she vowed always to be cheerful and optimistic in her old age. At 65, however, she fears the world may have called her In a little less than her

lifetime the earth's population has expanded from two billion to more than five billion. The problems of — and possible solutions to — over-population are the subject of two films Dr Goodfield has made to be shown on BBC 2 over the next two Saturdays titled The Cos-mic Joke. The title comes from a passage in Steinbeck's Sweet Thursday: "Man has solved his problems ... The old live on, the young do not die . . . In a foreseeable future we shall be smothered by our own numbers . . . It is a cosmic joke. Preoccupation with survival has

set the stage for extinction."

Dr Goodfield made a similar connection when she was researching a book on medical advances which later became an award-winning Channel 4 series, From the Face of the Earth. "I became more and more aware that all these medical and health benefits were being purchased at a price and that the price was an explosion in the numbers of

human beings.
"It is not only that absolute numbers have grown but that the rate at which they grow is increasing. For every person that dies now three are born.

Dr Goodfield does not speak lightly about the need to have fewer babies. Her delight in children shines through the programmes and her inability to have any herself has been a matter of great sadness. She is also sensitive to the unease many people feel about asking those with least to make the

Growing concern: June Goodfield

greatest sacrifice. "If we are looking at this environmentally then the best thing would be to stop the West having children because an American child consumes 400 times the earth's resources more than, for instance, the Ghanaian. But suppose you waved a magic wand and eliminated those one billion. you would not obviate the problem. You would still have five billion doubling in finite periods of time.

We really have no right to tell other people how many

What would make her die happy, she says, is to be proved wrong about the future. "I'd started to change things, that the coming generations faced difficult problems but not catastrophic ones. Then 1'd just be another old lady complaining that Punch was not as funny as it used to be."

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A coording to a survey conducted for last week's The Time... Love, honour The Place ... (ITV), of the 22 million married people in this and hatred country about 19 per cent (2.5 million) of women say they would like a different husband and 11 per cent of men think that they have married the

If singles are happier and healthier, why resist unmarried bliss?

that more women initiate divorce today; perhaps they also inevitable, he maintains. reflect the research showing "Hate is as much an aspect of that unmarried women are on the whole healthier than marlove when you hit a difference. There are times when you ried women (the reverse is true want your partner to get lost, but that's not terminal." for men) and the report published this week which sug-By choosing not to tackle a gested that the numbers of tough situation, Mr Chilow happy, healthy people living

on their own were increasing. "It seems that marriage is not actually very good for some women," Gillian Walton, head of training at the London Marriage Guidance Council, says. She believes that recent cultural trends been damaging towards relation-ships. "People have tended to blame others, like their parents, when something goes wrong. There hasn't been encouragement for

wrong woman.
The figures support the fact

for themselves." Christopher Chulow, director of the Tavistock Institute of Marital Studies, believes that the survey reveals over-extended expectations of wedlock. If marriages are to develop then conflict between partners is

people to take responsibility

denly since their wedding day.

Conflict between partners is inevitable

exit route straight away you, rob yourself of that opportunity and may repeat the pattern with someone else," he says, pointing to research from Bristol University which shows that nearly On or not."

30 per cent of a sample of divorcees regretted ending their marriages. Marital counsellors often see recently married young couples whose behaviour and

feelings have changed sud-

feels that couples

can throw away

what could be a

chance to learn

not only about each other but

about themselves.

"If you take the

"The most common problem can be sex. Once married, people can go off it because quite unconsciously they stop being themselves and become their parents. The amount of times they make love can decline dramatically from very fre-

quently

infrequently." Mrs Walton says. "Through their parents, children pick up whether sex is OK within marriage. It is very subtle, they do not actually have to see their parents

touching all the time to know whether something is going "Everyone yawns when you

say communication, but it boils down to that," says Sarah Litvinoff, author of two practical Relate guide books, who advocates a careful airing of grievances. This means have

proper talks, not rows, otherwise the angry person just makes their point and the other feels attacked. If the washing-up or the

clipping of toenails represents tiny niggles now, Ms Litvinoff advises people not to ignore them. "Many people strategically withdraw from them: part of them shuts down towards their partners so that after several years the accumulation leaves the two cut off from each other and with a crisis of major proportions." Too often couples plough

through no go areas in the name of true intimacy, warns Ms Litvinoff. "People treat each other in a way they wouldn't dream of treating anyone else, saying very damaging things. Is that being intimate or taking advantage of a situation where, because you are bound together, you feel you can say anything?" She advises couples to treat each other as they would a good friend, to act with consideration, respect and love, and that means not saying or doing things at certain times.

She cites the story of two American psychologists who, as an experiment, decided, on the point of divorce, to behave as if they liked one another and were happily married, for a period of three months. By the end of that time they had decide not to get divorced.

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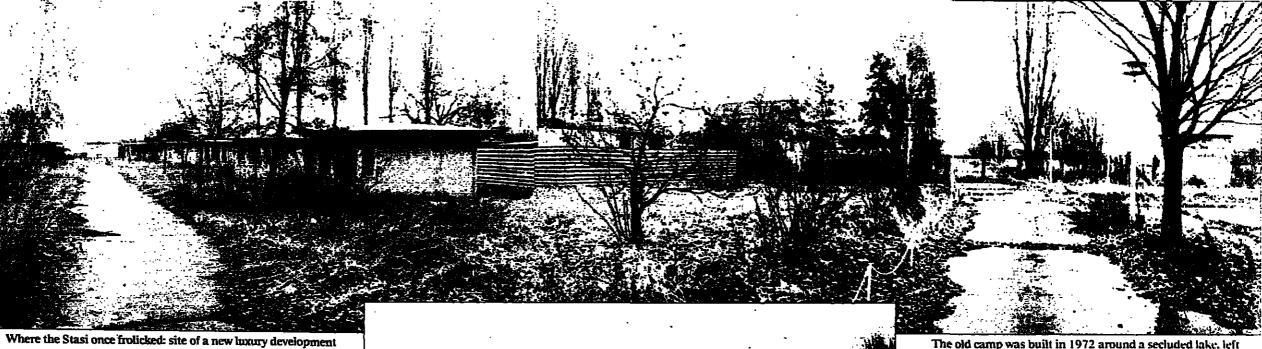
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The British are moving into the capital of the reunited Germany as business rapidly picks up. Rachel Kelly reports

As Britain slumps, Berlin prepares to boom



he news was "appailing", Sir Brian Hill, the Building Employers Confederation president, said last week "Awful", added Nigel Chaldecott, the director general of the Building Materials Producers. Any housebuilder or developer will know to what they refer the latest figures from the environment department that show an 18 per cent fall in new building orders

The fall is the worst since the 1974 oil crisis. Total annual output for the UK construction industry. which includes office blocks, as well as homes and schools, was £15 billion, compared to £20 billion spent at the height of the building boom in the 1980s.

As even the memory of that boom fades. British builders are casting round Europe for the next boom city. Until recently, Barcelona was king, thanks to the Olympics. Now Berlin has grabbed the crown.

Berlin's emergence as Europe's construction city reflects its status as the capital of a reunited Germany. The move of the capital from Bonn in the far west of Germany to Berlin in the centre of what was East Germany has made a building site not just of Berlin, but of much of the five states of the former communist

ment estimates project total annual construction spending of £60 billion for the next 15 years, which puts British construction, even that of the 1980s, in the shade.

Walter Bau, Germany's third biggest builder, has told possible clients who want him to put up buildings to form a queue, such is the volume of work. Clients will go on a waiting list for projects to start next sprine

Much of the building work is public sector projects such as the redevelopment of the Schonefeld airport, a new underground station at Lehrter, east Berlin, and a new railway station. On October 2. Ronald Reagan is booked to lay the cornerstone on the £120 million American Business Centre at the former Checkpoint Charlie.

Then there are the buildings to house federal government departments, which now have only small outposts in the new capital and will move from Bonn soon, though nobody knows quite when. Suitably grand housing for the civil servants will have to be provided.

Hardly surprising, then, that British developers are already lapping up opportunities and scouting for new ones. Godfrey Bradman is applying for planning permission Schonefeld airport. Heron and Stanhope are in town. The contractors Bovis and Wimpey have offices in Berlin and Tarmac is nearby in

The architects Nicholas Grimshaw, Arup Associates, Sir Norman Foster & Partners. Richard Rogers Partnerhip and Conran Roche are all at drawing boards in Berlin. Engineers and chartered surveyors Typical of the English at work

are plans to transform a former holiday camp used by the Stasi. East Germany's disbanded security police agency, into luxury residential homes: from swords into timeshares, to coin a phrase. The developer is Christopher Allen, like his compatriots hit by the British

slump, and in Germany in search of pastures new. He went there a year ago to investigate opportunities and has teamed up with a young German businessman.

EC Harris, the quantity surveyor company, is managing Mr Allen's project. "There is great demand for residential property in Germany,' says Brian Lillecrap of Harris.

The site is near Potsdam, the capital of Brandenberg. As in other regional capitals establishing themselves as new administrative centres, there is demand for new "Demand is put at 200,000 new

housing units," Mr Lillecrap says. "Little of the existing housing stock is of good enough quality."

Many such homes are plagued by asbestos and need to be renovated or rebuilt.

The original holiday camp was built in 1972 around a freshwater lake. Hidden in the middle of the country and screened by poplars, the camp consists of 20 simple bungalows with showers and minimal cooking facilities, and a central dining and recreational block where the Stasi used to be served their meals.

The bungalows slept four with views of the lake. Signs of the the life the Stasi once enjoyed still remain: pedalos and wicker chairs that would have once lined the lake shore are neatly stored.

Mr Allen assembled a team of

British architects, Covell Matthews Wheatley and Conran Roche, which is already based in Berlin: and engineers Waterman International to demolish the existing bungalows and build two, three and five-bedroom homes, all with double garages and modern con-

The £13.8 million scheme has six tennis courts, a tennis club, a nature reserve and a day centre on the seven-hectare (about 2.8 acres) site. The 106 homes will be built in two stages to take advantage of Lake Schlänitzsee, from which the project take its name.

The architecture Lillecrap says, "lean heavily on Tuscan proportions". He adds: "The tiled roofs will be pitched, the stone will be a honey-golden colour and there will be arches." The twobedroom homes will sell for £165,000, the three-bedroom homes for £220,00, five-bedroom ones for £500.000 (no timeshare on offer) and will be aimed at a predicted influx of civil servants and government officials, as well as second-homeowners.

The site was owned by local families, who were forced to sell their strips of land to the Stasi when it wanted a consolidated block big enough for its plans. The farmers regained their land after the collapse of the Berlin will, and developers have since successfully negotiated a deal.

That is a success noteworths in a country where unresolved ownership claims and disputes have prevented much development and enraged entrepreneurs. So far, Mr. Allen has yet to crack the planning nut, the second scourge facing developers.

For public sector projects, delay-are endemic while the German government toys between encouraging a broadly neo-classical or modernist feel to principal sites and wrestles with the complexities of the country's new infrastructure: as routes, and the airport.

To persuade the local community, Mr Allen is offering to build a clinic for the locals in return for planning permission on a larger site than the original Stasi camp. which covered three-and-a-half

There is some urgency: tax concessions for development in the east run out at the end of 1994. By then, though, perhaps the British construction industry will have recovered sufficently to provide an alternative to working in Germany, and the likes of Mr Allen will have returned to work on home soil.

For sale, the farm that stayed in one family

A 1903 diary describes the last changes made

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THE DIARY describing work on Tuckett's Farm in Devon is written in slim notebooks in a hand suggesting strength of mind and character allied to the kind of selfassurance that goes with old money, a landed estate and a public school background:

"Sept 9 1903. Selected position for farmhouse. Young apple trees which will be displaced being transplanted. Discussed water supply and alternation to buildings. "Jan 2 1904. Met Will Green

at Newton Abbot on my way up to town, he absolutely charmed with the picturesque beauty of the site. Walked to Combeinteignhead to see Penwell the builder and question him about materials; etc. Bricks and limestone come from Torquay. Limestone I shilling a load plus 5 shillings for cartage. The art of building cob walls is lost, and would be very costly nowadays. the labour of mixing and the time required for each layer to dry being extreme."

The diarist was Philip Tuckett, barrister, whose family had owned the south Devon property since the early 17th century. The sire was on high ground less than half a mile from the south foreshore of the Teign Estuary and two miles from the market town of Newton Abbot.

Will Green, born William Curtis Green, was a personal friend of Tuckett, who was



Rare example of a one-room cob cottage on Tuckett's farm, probably built in the 18th century

the still-narrow lane and from

the bedrooms of the Curtis

then aged 30. ln 1904, at 29. he was still two years short of full qualification as an architect. But with ten years of study and practical design ex-perience behind him, he had already developed a style that was later to link his reputation with that of Sir Edwin Lutyens. Romney, his brother, was a poet and a craftsman in the William Morris tradition.

a late 17th-century cider, or "pound" house of plastered cob (clay, gravel and straw) with a thatched roof and a horse-powered timber and granite cider press; an early 18th-century, one-room cottage, very rare of its kind; a somewhat later, thatched cob stable, its loft ingeniously adapted as a children's playroom; and a "linhay", or open barn, also thought to be 18th-

fixed in the vard, the pound October 28 1904. Down to Newton with Will Green by early train. Drove out to "The buildings" consisted of Netherton by cab (fare 2/6d). Found the house very nearly finished. Unpacked crockery. beds, etc. Thoroughly enjoyed ourselves cooking supper and

afterwards watching two white owls hawking around the The site of Tuckett's Farmhouse is as captivating today as ever it was. Bishopsteighton and Combeinteignhead are no longer hamlets with exclusively native populations, but century. The planned "alterations" the views from the apple orchards and the thick-hedged paddocks, and from the top of

concerned not so much the existing buildings as addi-

Green house at Tuckett's have changed little. Listed Grade II*, the Tuckett's Farm buildings are basically as they were when the present owner's grandfather and Curtis Green unpacked the crockery and furniture that Romney Green had designed. In the pound house, the timber components of the cider press are in disarray, the iron wheels of an ancient trolley are the worse for a century or two of rust. and a long-abandoned, 20th-A "linhay" or open barn, thought to be 18th-century century bicycle itself looks well

tions: a new thatched barn of advanced towards archaeological significance. In the cob local sandstone and a thatched, 30ft-deep wellstable, a cart that has not taken house" as a rain-water cistern. the road since anyone can remember looks as if it might Sept 19 1904. Found the do so again with no house well advanced, the mechanical problems. drains laid, the water trough

In the loft, among the timber climbing devices and a cider barrel play chute, and wooden dolls prams and cradles, the century-old hessian hammock alone is in obvious

need of repair.

Apple trees — Cornish
Gilliflower, Fair Maid of Taunton, Peasgood Nonsuch - have come and gone, but Blenheim Orange, Ribston Pippin, Adams Pearmain and Cox's Superb still flourish and a lofty mulberry, though swathed in clematis, is heavy with luscious fruit. The fourton granite water trough is where it has always been.

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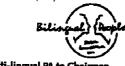
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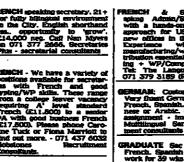
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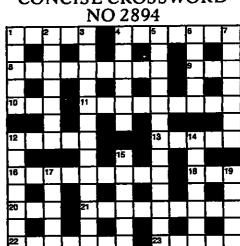
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Solution: the black knight is a key detensive piece, so white removed it with 1 fixe8 and won after 1 ... Fixe8 2 Nin6+! gxn6 (2 ... Kn8 3 Oxf7 mates) 3 Og4+ Bg7 4 Bxf6

6.00 Ceefax (61622) 6.30 BBC Breakfast News (78955719)

9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series (r) (6336974)
9.30 Liberal Democrats Conference 92. Live coverage of the third day's proceedings at Harrogate. On the agenda are the privatisation of British Rail and British Coal and the debate on Britain in Europe. Coverage continues at 10.35 (37429)

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3.35 Tom and Jerry Double Bill. Cartoons (4546974) 3.50 The All New Popeye Show (r) (5292974) 4.15 Potsworth and Co. Science fiction animation (r) (6413852) 4.35 The Worst Day of my Life. The first of a new Australian comedy drama series centred on children who find the unimaginable happening. (Ceefax) (8740332)

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Victims of the flesh trade: women are deported (10.00pm)

10.00 Inside Story: The Women Trade.

 CHOICE: Chris Terrill's film is an exposé, making much use of hidden carneras, of what it likes to call the flesh trade. Women filmed in shadow to avoid identification tell how they wer recruited in eastern Europe or the Caribbean to work in dubs in Rotterdam and Antwerp. They thought they were going to be dancers or waitresses. Instead they were trapped into becoming strippers, or even worse, prostitutes. The programme includes a long interview with an alleged Mr Big of this disreputable trade, who blandly denies any knowledge of ursavoury goings-on. But the stomach-churning stories offered by his employees, enhanced by revealing undercover work by the Inside Story team posing as procurers, render his protestations hollow. This is an impressive piece of investigation into an unedifying subject. (Ceefax) (295055) 10.50 Film: The Breakfast Club (1985) starring Emilio Estevez. Comedy

drama about five disparate young people who are forced to spend a Saturday high school detention together during which they break the rules, bare their souls and discover that they have more in common than attending the same school. Directed by John Hughes. (Ceefax) (10791516). Northern Ireland: European Soccer Special (Glentoran v Marseilles) 11.30-1.05am Film: Chato's Land; Wales: Sportsnight Wales (Cardiff v Admira Wacker); 11.20 Film: The Breakfast Club 12.55 News and weather

12.25am Weather (1515659). Ends at 12.30 2.15 BBC Select: Accountancy Television (188712) 3.15 TV Edits (2965036). Ends at 4.00

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8.00 Breakfast News (91 12326) 8.15 Writers' Houses. Seamus Heaney visits Dove Cottage, the Lake District home of William Wordsworth (r) (9208177) 8.30 The Italians. A portrait of Mauro Fiamenghani, a union represent at the Alfa Romeo factory near Milan (16448) 9.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes

2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) (40729968) 2.15 Liberal Democrats Conference 92 from Harrogate. Animal protection and the future of the party following the general election are discussed this afternoon. Presented by Donald MacCornick, Vivian White and Ian MacWhirter. Includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (89855239)

5.30 Inside the Russia House. A documentary about four advertising students from Newcastle upon Tyne who went to Moscow in November 1991 as part of an exchange scheme (r) (500) 6.00 Star Trek. Classic science fiction drama series starring William

Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (r) (523041)

5.50 DEF II begins with Wayne's World. American comedy series. (Ceefax) (471581) 7.00 Teenage Diaries: The Daughter Sent From Hell. The story of 15-year-old Jennifer who has to look after her mother who is severely disabled with multiple sclerosis (r) (265871)

The Shetland Sessions. Aly Bain introduces music from the 1991 Shetland Folk Festival (541429)

8.10 The Un-Americans: To Hell With Truth. CHOICE: The three-part series on America's communist witch hunt concludes by examining the dilemma faced by thousands hauled before the Un-American Activities Committee of whether to name names. A scientist who could not face the ordeal committed suicide. His widow recalls finding the body and accusing the committee of helping to kill him. Not everyone showed the same courage. A maverick called Harvey Matusow, a former communist turned informant, told the committee the first piece of nonsense that came into his head and became a media celebrity. One of his "revelations" was that 126 commies were working for the Sunday New York Times when there were only 96 people on the staff. Matusow is unapologetic, determined to add his facetious footnote to what was hardly a laughing matter (164239)



Dressed to thrill: Cranham, Swann, Cunningham (9.00pm)

9.00 ScreenPlay: A Little Bit of Lippy.
© CHOICE: Billed as "an outrageous Ortonesque comedy", Martyn Hesford's drama will certainly give offence but has little of Joe Orton's macabre humour. In fact to call A Little Bit of Lippy a comedy is to stretch the meaning of that word. A teenage wife (played by Alison Swann) discovers that her husband (Danny Cunningham) is a transvestite and beats a path back to Mum and Dad (Rachel Davies, Kenneth Cranham). But all is not well with the parents' numbers, either, and Hesford's script parallels the attempts of the two couples to resolve their difficulties. In doing so he counterpoints a naturalistic setting in the working-class nort with frequent excursions into fantasy and illusion. The point is hard to determine, except perhaps that the real world is so humdrum we need to find excitement in our dreams. (Ceefax) (3886158)

10.10 Screenplay Firsts: Supper at Emmaus. An art historian teaches a class of students in front of Caraveggio's masterpiece "The Supper at Emmaus" (s) (655535)

10.30 Newsnight (702055) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (578790)

11.55 Weather (657516)

12.00 Open University: Social Scientists at Work (8726765). Ends at 12.55am

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6.00 TV-am (5665239) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show presented by Danny Baker (6332158) 9.55 Thames News (7802887)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (7169622) 10.40 This Morning, Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on consumer affairs, family law and herbs. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (9802429)

12.10 Alisorts. For the very young (r) (s) (5946806) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Dermot Mumachan and Sonia Ruseler

(Oracle) Weather (2914535) 1.05 Thames News (69236448) 1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (571061) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (570332)

2.15 Graham Kerr. The cook prepares poulet Basquaise (499413) 2.45
Take the High Road. Highlands-based drama serial (5597910)
3.10 ITN News headlines (4606061) 3.15 Thames News headlines (4605332) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (3718974)
3.50 Cartoon (r) (3433142) 3.55 Scooby Doo. Cartoon (5113413) 4.20

Grotbags starring Carol Lee-Scott as the green-haired witch (s) (8889871) 4.40 Woof! Adventures of a boy who turns into a dog at the most unexpected times (9364697)

5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (9095245) 5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather

(256351) 6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (444142) 6.25 Thames News (803871)



Tears and accusations: the reading of Ted's will (6.40pm)

6.40 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (237429)

7.10 The European Match. A double bill of live action. From Germany, Leeds United's European Cup first round, first leg match against Stuttgart. At about 9.00 there are highlights of the first half and live coverage of the second in the Uefa Cup first round game at Old Trafford between Manchester United and Torpedo Moscow (s)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Trevor McDonald. (Orade) Weather (15719) 10.30 Thames News (461351)

Film: Obsession (1976) starring Cliff Robertson and Genevieve Bujold. Thriller about a man whose wife and daughter are kidnapped on his tenth wedding anniversary and disappear without trace. Sotteen years later he goes to Florence where he first met his wife and encounters a young woman who is his wife's double. Directed by Brian DePalma (66127531)

12.30 Hollywood Report. Gossip from Yinsel Town (54017)

1.00 Film: The Body Stealers (1969) starring George Sanders. Science

fiction thriller about the disappearance of a number of Nato parachutists. Directed by Gerry Levy (947475)

2.45 America's Top Ten (s) (41611) 3.15 Videofashion. The creations of some New York designers (29227475)

3.40 Quiz Night. Inter pub and dub competition (74045901) 4.10 Grand Ole Opry. Country and western music from Nashville, Tennessee (10603307) 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Vintage newsclips (88335272)

5.00 Three's Company. American comedy series (46659) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (84746). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (5656581) 9.25 Schools (88911239)

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12.00 The Grey Seal. The conflicting attitudes to the grey seal are explored. To the fishermen they are vermin, to conservationsts they are a precious species (r) (s) (36790)
1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning senes (49210)
2.00 Great Russian Writers. A profile of Alexander Block. With English commentary and some subtities. (Teletext) (7061)
2.20 Silver Bushamer was a Lady (1943) stamps Red Skatton. Great felt.

2.30 Film: Dubarry was a Lady (1943) staring Red Skelton, Gene Kelly and Lucille Ball. Musical fantasy about a nightdub cloakroom attendant who wins a fortune in a lottery, proposes to the show's star, inadvertantly drinks a Mickey Finn and dreams that he is in France at the court of Louis XV. Directed by Roy Del Ruth

(87858061)
4.20 Magoo Makes News. Cartoon (6467697)
4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game

presented by Richard Whiteley (516)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The first of two programmes devoted to the topic of racism (7545784)
5.50 The Bunbury Tails. Animated adventures of a team of sporting

rabbits (s) (269993) 6.00 Treasure Hunt. Anneka Rice gushes around the Sussex countryside looking for hidden treasure (r). (Teletext) (32974)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zernab Badawi. (Teletext)

Weather (983245)

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s) (1697)



Partners in crime-solving: Thaw and Whateley (8.30pm)

8.30 Inspector Morse: The Infernal Serpent. The cerebral Oxford-educated policeman, in the first of four repeats, investigates the murder of an eminent scientist minutes before he was to give a controversial speech. Starring John Thaw, Kevin Whateley and Geoffrey Palmer. (Teletext) (57887)

10.30 Packing Them In. The second in the alternative comedy series set in a variety theatre, hosted by Jenny Eclair, Frank Skinner and Kevin Eldon. Tonight's guests are Lily Savage, Kinky Friedman and Anver the Eccentric (s) (893351)

11.15 Mojo Working. The last in the series profiles Jimi Hendrix (s)

11.45 Marc Bolan — The Legendary Years. A 15th anniversary tribute to the lead singer of T Rex who died in a car crash in September

1977 (433142) 12.45am The Steve Allen Show (b/w). Satirical 1950s American comedy series. The guests tonight include Sammy Davis Jr and Miss

America of 1957 (69017) 1.15 Film: Seeta aur Geeta (1972). Hindi drama about twin sisters who have a double date with destiny. One resigns herself to fate while the other tackles it head-on. With Hema Malini, Dharmandra and

Sanjeev Kurnar. In Hindi with English subtitles (44020494). Ends at

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 10.00 HI Honey, I'm Dead! (1991):
Handsome Kevin Corroy is rencamated as

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7:00 Designing Women (5121) 7:30 Michale's Navy (4429) 8:00 Doctor, Doctor (3871) 8:30 Homeroom (5806) 9:00 Ho-gan's Heroes (87968) 9:30 The Lucy Show

(76413) 10.00 Kids in the Hall (45055) 10.30-11.00 McHale's Navy (27603) SKY SPORTS

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 8.00am Paralympic Games (10055) 9.00
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 News (5264) 9.00 European Cup Football
 (48055) 10.30 Grand Prix Magazine (21087)
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10.30 Jackpot (13546) 11.00 Gloss (21332)
11.30 The Joan Rivers Show (7704790)
12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (2527264) 1.10
Lunchbox (68443061) 1.40 Seli-a-Vision (84437500) 2.10 Rafferty's Rules (8443887)
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Phylis (5851) 4.00 Dick Van Dyke Show (5516) 4.30 Jackpox (83603) 5.30 Seli-a-Vision (8852) 6.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (26448) 7.00 Seli-a-Vision (691036) 10.00
Videos (2259622) 2.30am Top Five (48291)

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News and Sport on the hour until 7.00pm.

6.00am World Service: Newshour 6.30 Danny

Baker's Morning Edition 9.30 Chain Reaction:

Helen Bamber's choice is John Sessions 10.00 Johnnie Walker 12.30pm Cult Heroes: Judy

Garland (r) 1.00 News Update 1.10 BPSS Worldwide 2.30 Sportsbeat 4.30 Five Aside 6.30

STARS: Based on the books by Hunter Davies 7.00 Gary Lineker's Football Night 10.10 Hit the

North, ind 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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Starts: 2.10pm News (23204968) 2.15 Yan Can Cook (44468351) 2.40 The Ceder Tree (2655055) 3.35 World of Horses (5505535) 4.00 Film: The Dark Angel (3921061) 6.00 The Angelus (7706974) 6.01 Six-One (6457351) 6.30 Film: Ball of Fire (2902351) 8.30 Radharc in Latin America (383/581) 9.00 News (8175167) 9.20 Film The Witches of Eastwick (16393516) 11.25 News (7040239) 11.35 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 7-30 Coronation Street (63916429) 8.00 News (10403158) 8.05 Vivien Leigh. Scarlett & Beyond (71482429) 9.10 That's My Roy 112750326) 9-40 News (61768239) 9.45 Northern Exposure (51670245) 10.35 Different Drummers (18078535) 11.05 News (82549887) 11.20 The Forum Presents (89290500) 12.00 Close

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2.47 Rich Pickings: Rain. Rosemary
Leach and Michael Fitzgerald
read poetry and prose about

3.40 File on 4: Easy Money (r)
3.42 Profile: Bridget Kendall meets
Andrei Stroye, probably
Moscow's most successful

country 4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope reviews the new Clint Eastwood film, Unforgiver, visrs Vivarta, an Indian dance festival; and talks to Tom McArthur, editor of the new Oxford Guide to the English Language (s)
4.45 Short Story: The Railings, by Ronald Frame. Read by Nigel Anthony

Anthony
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.49 Round Britain Quiz (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite

investigates listeners

complaints
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking
About Music Anthony

work or topic. Today: the seasons (2/7) (s)
8.45 In Business: Watching the Workers. Peter Day investigates the ingenious

Hopkins explores a musical

developer and one of the richest businessmen in the country 4.00 News

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stage. As I Pagliacci unfolds. the real tragedy can be happening elsewhere. In the orchestra pit, a

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7.40 Entertainment Tonight (438516)
8.60 Another Chance (1986): Romantic comedy staming Bruce Greenwood (20177)
10.00 Dijango Strikes Again (1987): Franco Nero as the spachetti western hero (302535)
11.35 Screwballs (1983): The sexual exploits of four teenagers (503516)
1.00em Savage Harbour: Action-thriller starring Frank Stallone (6624253)
2.25 Vempires in Vervice (1983): Vlans Kinski stars as Norl 23to (1940543)
3.55 Everybody's Al-American (1988): Drama about the intertwined lives of three frends (79714814). Ends at 6.00 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

Wis the Astro and Marcopolo satellites 6.15am On the Town (1949): Musical about three salors in New York (816871) 8.15 Pirstes of Dark Water Cartoon adverture (930577) 10.15 California: Jock Mahoney fights tyrannical despot Michael Pate (3256061) 11.35 Ben Hur (1959): Jew Charlton Heston is persecuted by the Romars (10287887) 3.05pm Support Your Local Sterifft (1969). Western spoof (24939055) 4.45 On Our Own Four children travel from California to Arzona (372852) 6.15 Chances Are (1989; Vybil Shepherd's dead husband is renoamated (168871)

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the Nile (77304659) 3.55 The Dogs of War (1980) Mercenary Christopher Walken organises a coup (79712456). Ends at 6.00

Via the Astra satellite
 4,00pm Mr Ed (7516) 4.30 Punky Brewster
 (3500) 5.00 Greenacres (7387) 5.30 The
 Lucy Show (4852) 6.00 The Burns and Allen
 Show (7993) 6.30 Three's Company (8245)

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes
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Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Surchine Show 10.00 Nicky Horne Goes into
the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harrs (FM only)

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North, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10 am News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in 85T. 4.30 am World Business Report 4.40 Travel and Weather 4.45 News. Summary in German 5.27 News Summary in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 News 7.09 News About Britain 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Mendain 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 Development 19.9 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Fash 9.15 Missions Improbable 9.30 Sightly Foxed 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report 10.15 Country Style 10.30 Great Newspapers 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 1.161 Ownsbus 11.30 Londres Mid 11.45 Mitragemaggan 11.59 Business Update Middley Newsdesh 12.30 pm Mendain 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Writtes in a Nutrisiell 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Writtes in a Nutrisiell 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 Writtes in a Nutrisiell 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 News 4.15 BBC English 3.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Look Alvead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News 8.00 News in German; Heute Aktuel 5.00 News 5.14 Travel 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Look Alvead 6.20 World Business Report 6.29 News 8.00 News in German; Heute Aktuel 7.00 News 1.00 News 2.05 Outdook 2.30 Europe Tonight 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Farth 9.30 Superpower 10.00 Newsdown 11.00 News 11.00 News 11.00 News 2.05 Outdook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farmung World 3.00 News 2.05 Outdook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 The Farmung World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 News 4.09 Words of Farth 4.15 Sports Roundup

CLASSICE EM

CLASSIC FM Susannah Simons: A tribute to the soprano Maria Callas 2.00pm Lunchume Concerto: Chopin (Pano Concerto); Bartok (Rhapsody No 1 for violin and orchestral) 3.00 Petroc Trelawney 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Book Browse 8.00 Classic FM Concert London Classical Players under Roger Normington 10.00 Adman Love 1.00-6.00am Robert Booth

discussion about money (29224388) 3.45 Film: Donna, Donnal! (235889) 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder (8079340)

CENTRAL CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice
(\$71061) 1.45 Home and Away (\$70332)
2.15 Gardening Time (499413) 2.45-3.10
Love at First Sight Ransom (\$597910) 5.10\$540 Home and Away (9095245) 6.00-6.40
Central News (943121) 12.30 Film: The
Invasion (\$49307) 2.25 War of the Worlds
(\$0714) 4.05 Shady Tales from Adam Faith
(26235164) 4.25-3.30 Central Jobfinder '92
(9315253)

RADIO 3

Toscanini) 10-00 Midweek Choice, with Susan

Discoveries: Welsh SO under Tadaaki Otaki performs orchestral music from South

new recordings of Cilea (L'Arlesiana); Rossini (Il Turco in Italia); Puccini (La Fanciulla del West) (r)
3.30 A Third Look Back: In the

BBC over the past 70 years.
Delibes (Prelude and Mazurka,
Coppélia: BBC Wireless SO
under Percy Pftt); Gounod (In
Vain do I Cali, Faust: BBC SO
under Thomas Beecham, with
Heddle Nash, tenot); Elgar
(Pomp and Circumstance
March No 4: BBC SO under
the composer); Wagner (A
Faust Overture: BBC SO under
arturo Toscanini)
4.00 Choral Evensong: Live from
Chester Cathedral
5.00 In Turne: Natalie Wheen's
guest is the American
composer John Adams
7.25 Tosca: Act 1 of a live
transmission of Puccini's opera
from Covent Garden. With

transmission of Puccini's opera from Covent Garden. With Elizabeth Hollegue (Toscal, Pavarotti (Cavaradossi), Salvano Carroli (Scarpia). Zubin Mehta conducts. Acts 2 and 3 at 8.40 and 9.50, with interval features at 8.15 and 9.25 — CHOKE: As this is Luciano Pavarotti's first Tosca in Britain for 17 years, the gala nature of this Royal Opera House tranmission needs no amplification here. Will there be anyone who will be able to sit through the performance without making compansons with the recent Domingo marathon on BBC2 and marathon on BBC2 and Channel 47 The two interval features deserve special mention. In Restauro is David Willey's despairing account of the plundering of Italy's art treasures, now reaching epidemic proportions. A Night in Rome is an assessment by Bruce Johnson and Gaia Servadio of whether the

better since Fellini's movie

10.45 Night Waves: Includes firstright reviews of Medea at the
Almeda Theatre, starring
Diana Rigg, and Nicholas Hytner's new production of Verdi's The Force of Destiny a the English National Opera; and Lisa Jardine talks to the novelist leanette Winterson 11.30 Bartok and Beethoven Quartets: In the first of six

Servadio of whether the

dubious delights of la dolce vita have taken a turn for the

Quartet performs Bethoven Quartet performs Bethoven (Quartet in D. Op 18 No 3); Bandk (Quartet No 2) 12.30am News 12.35 Close

RADIO 4 (s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, ind 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55
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Day 8.43 Just William: All the
News, by Richmal Crompton
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9.00 News

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9.05 Midweek: The birthday guest is Mark Tulley, the BBC's correspondent in India

10.00 News: Keep it Clean (FM only): Lather Palaver. Laurence Alster explores the high-tech science of creating shampoo

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only): John Burnyan's allegory, abridged by Peter Luke (13/25)

10.30 Woman's Hour: The former MP Rosie Barnes talks about

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News

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time:
A postbag edition (r)

12.00 You and Yours, with Roisin McAuley

12.25pm The Wooden Horse:
Stalag Luft III

CHOKE: By one of those coincidences that publicists scarcely dare dream about, the serialsation by Mark Power of Eric Williams's novel about the POWs' vaulting horse of Stalag Luft III begins its transmission just two weeks after generous just two weeks after generous press coverage of the death of Wing Commander Roger Maw, who designed and built the horse. Power's version is more faithful to William's host collections to the state of best-seller than the 1950 film, but its British upper lips (including Alex Jennings's, as Peter Howard) are just as stiff as Leo Genn's in the movie (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke in London and James Naughtie in Harrogate 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Who Sings the Hero?
A Righteous Gentile. Barry
Turner and Harry Towb
recount the story of Gentrude
Wijsmuller who, in 1938,

ways in which companies catch employees who steal 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with 10.45 A Book at Bedfürne: Human Voices, by Penelope Fitzgerald. Read by Penelope Wilton

(8/10)
11.00 Looking Forward to the
Past: Robert Booth chairs the
light-hearted historical discussion (s) (r)

11-30 Screenplay: lain Johnstone hosts the film quiz (s) (r)

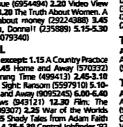
12-00-12-43am News, incl 12-27

Weather 12-33 Shipping
Forecast 12-43 As World
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7.00 On Air. Andrew Lyle with missic, news, weather, travel and arts headlines 9.00 Composers of the Week: Cherubini. Trois pas redoublés et Marche (London Gabrieli Brase Encemble, under Brass Ensemble under Christopher Larkin); Requiem in C minor (Robert Shaw

Sharpe. Bach (English Suite No 1 in A, BWV 806: Andras Schiff, piano); Part (De Profundis: Hilliard Ensemble); Lemba (Scherzo and Trio, Symphony in C sharp minor: Scottish National Orchestra under Neeme Järvi); Schumann (Noveletten, Op 21 Nos 1 and 2: Vladimir Nos 1 and 2: Vladimir Ashkenazy, pianol; Debussy (La Damoiselle élue: London Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under Claudio Abbado, with Maria Ewing, soprano, Brigitte Balleys, mezzo); Françaix (Cinq Portraits de jeunes filles: the composer, piano); Humperdinck (Erlöst, befreit, für alle Zeitt; Vater! Mutter! Hänsel und Gretel: Boys' Choir, Bavarian RSO under Jeffrey Tate, with Anne-Sofie von Tate, with Anne-Sofie von Otter, mezzo, Barbara Bonney and Hanna Schwarz, sopranos, Andreas Schmidt, baritone); Bruckner (Adagio, String Quartet in F. Alberni Quartet); Wagner (Overture, Der Flegende Hollander: Chicago SO under Georg Solti) 12.00 South American Discoveries: Welch SO under

Chorale; NBC SO under Arturo

America († 1.00pm News 1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: The pianst Philip Martin plays Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 119); Liszt (Sonata in 8 minor) 2.00 Record Review: Building a Library: Schubert (Symphony No 8 in 8 minor, Uninished);

first of three programmes, Peter Barker reviews the ensembles founded by the

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